



Little Merlot 2010

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch

The Little Merlot is the little brother of the Bein Merlot, hence the name. It is made of fruit from the more vigorous parts of our vineyard, determined by aerial infrared photography. Matured for one year in older barriques only, it emphasizes the more fruity side of this variety and convinces with red-berry flavours and a silky texture. The Little Merlot is generally less tannic and earlier accessible than the Bein Merlot, though we still see it as a very serious wine, well able to mature for another 3-4 years after release.

The Vintage 2010 was characterised by a wet spring, but a rather warm and windy-dry ripening season, yielding a small crop with correspondingly small but pretty concentrated berries. The late harvest on 23 of March and the careful handpicking and meticulous sorting already in the field made sure that a ripe and perfectly healthy crop came into the cellar. Vinified with the same care and style like our flagship wine, it was matured for twelve month in second- and third-fill barrels from top French cooperages. Lightly fined and complemented with 10% Malbec and a splash of Petit Verdot, it was gently filtered and hand-bottled on the estate in Mai 2011.

Serving suggestion: This wine is ideally served at 18°C and shows best as a companion to a meal. With its attractive berry flavours and juicy texture, it sits well on any table, from vegetarian to richly sauced beef.

Production: 3'400 bottles

Analysis: Alc 14,5 %Vol
RS 3,2 g/L
TA 5,6 g/L
pH 3.52

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