



PAINTED *wolf* WINES

The Black Pack, Merlot 2011 – W.O. Swartland

Tasting notes

An intense, individual wine brimming with flavours of velvety ripe plum, chocolate and violets with a silky mid palate and a long finish.

The Vineyard

Merlot grapes were sourced from Kasteelsig, a well known dry land organically farmed vineyard in Malmesbury owned by Painted Wolf pack member Billy Hughes. Yields are approximately 6.5 tons to the hectare.

Winemaking

The grapes were handpicked into small baskets and taken to our cellar in Stellenbosch where they were destalked and gently crushed. The wine fermented in small open bins and was hand punched 4 times a day. We fermented with natural and commercial yeasts. When totally dry it was pressed into a mixture of new 80% and used 20% mostly French barrels to complete malolactic. The wine spent 14 months in barrels and was bottled May 2012. 6500 bottles have been produced

Ageing potential

This wine will improve with bottle age and should peak round 2015 to 2017.

Food Suggestions

This aromatic and individual wine needs inventive food to pair with. Get out your favourite cook book and find a nice exotic lamb or duck dish.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.65%
Residual Sugar 2.5g/l
Total Acid 5.5g/l
Ph 3.56

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