

## Red 2009

### Region

Stellenbosch, South Africa

### Introduction

Meerlust Estate has been part of the Myburgh family tradition for eight generations, dating back to 1756. Long recognised for producing world-class wines, the Meerlust Estate is singularly rich in charm and history.

### Grapes

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

### Viticulture

Soil type - Decomposed granite mixed with clay.

All the vineyards were green harvested during veraison to reduce yield, increase concentration, tannin ripeness and fruit definition.

### Wine Making

The grapes were handpicked and fermented separately before undergoing malolactic fermentation in new and seasoned oak, before selection, blending and bottling.

### Tasting Notes

*Colour:* The wine has an intense, dark purple colour with violet rim. Bright and vivacious in the glass, very youthful.

*Nose:* Powerful nose of cassis, plum, exotic spice and hints of floral aromas.

*Palate:* On the palate the Red 2009 is medium bodied with intense flavours of crushed black fruit, cassis, vanilla and dark chocolate. The tannins are very soft and silky with fresh acidity and a focused, linear flavour profile. The wine has a persistent and long lasting finish.

### Food Matching

Venison, game, pot roast and noble cheese.

### Alcohol

14.5%

### pH

3.71

### Residual sugar

2.9 g/L

