



MERLOT

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Vintage **2009**
Producer **A FEW GOOD MEN**
Country **SOUTH AFRICA**
Region **SWARTLAND/PAARL**
Alcohol **14.20%**

Composition:
100% MERLOT



THE STORY

Riebeeck Cellars nestled up against the slopes of the majestic Kasteelberg valley on the western coast of the Cape Province in South Africa. The balance of mild, wet winters with the fruity concentration of hot, dry summers, and honed in a cellar where time-honored processes live side-by-side. The vineyard is passionate about the ideals of the Integrated Production of Wine (IPW), a South African initiative that aims to decrease chemical intervention and improve waste management. They are also a member of the WWF's (World Wildlife Foundation) Biodiversity in Wine Initiative (BWI), which underlines our commitment to protecting their land and keeping up the best farming practices to ensure healthier natural systems.

TASTING NOTES

Harvested from an exceptional vineyard in the Riebeeck Valley, the beautiful Merlot grapes used for the Merlot result in rich flavors of fruitcake and ripe plum that follow through in a seductive pallet with a smooth juicy finish. Merlot perfectly balances fruit and oak to ensure a well-rounded and structured wine. Serve at room temperature. Especially compliments Malay dishes and smoked chicken.

VINEYARD

Grapes from the vineyards of Pieter du Toit & Johan Vlok are used for this wine.

VINIFICATION


Inoculated with selected yeast. Fermentation dry on skins. 15% of the wine went through Malolactic Fermentation in barrels and the rest in stainless steel tanks. Wine matured in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels for 12 - 14 months.



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