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Nederburg Winemasters Reserve Merlot 2012

Colour: Dark ruby
Bouquet: Aromas of strawberry and blackcurrant with subtle vanilla oak in the background.
Palate: A powerful and well-rounded wine with attractive up-front fruit flavours and a soft, silky texture.

Excellent served with oxtail, casseroles, red meat, game, pizza and pasta dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Nederburg Wines
winemaker : Wilhelm Pienaar
wine of origin :
analysis : **alc :** 14.38 % vol **rs :** 1.22 g/l **pH :** 3.65 **ta :** 5.58 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Tradition and talent blend with passion, precision and patience atNederburg, where classically structured wines are made with vibrant fruitflavours. Nederburg's hallmark combination of fruit and finesse continues tobe rewarded around the world. The Paarl winery has earned five-star ratingsfor three wines in the 2012 edition of Platter's South African Wine Guide.Three five-star ratings is the highest number achieved by any producer inthe new edition of the guide and Nederburg shares this distinction with twoother wineries. In 2011, Nederburg was chosen as Platter's Winery of the Year,with an unprecedented five wines across the multi-tiered range earning fivestarratings. The winery brought home six gold and six best-in-class ratingsfrom the 2011 International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) in London andwon two double gold and nine gold medals at the 2011 Veritas Awards, SouthAfrica's National Wine Show. Nederburg was also awarded three trophiesat the 2012 Decanter World Wine Awards. These are just some of the manyaccolades earned by Nederburg where hand-crafted, micro-cuvées forspecialist winelovers and beautifully balanced and accessible winesfor everyday enjoyment are made with equal commitment.

Razvan Macici heads the team as Nederburg cellarmaster. He is supportedby two winemakers who work closely under his direction. They are WilhelmPienaar, who produces the red wines and Wim Truter, who makes the whites.

Vineyards
The grapes were sourced from bush and trellised vineyards in the Paarl, Darling and Stellenbosch areas. Planted between 1990 and 1998, the vines are grown in decomposed granite on south-westerly facing slopes, situated at altitudes of 50m to 150m above sea level. The vines, grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstocks Richter 99 and R110, are grown under dryland conditions.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand and machine between 23° - 24.5° Balling during February and March.

in the cellar : The Winemaster's Reserve Collection
Nederburg's core super-premium wines are accommodated in The Winemaster's Reserve ensemble, named to honour the long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classic wines treasure the integrity of our grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every glass demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

The fruit was crushed and fermented on the skinsin temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 25ºC to 28ºC for 10 to 14 days. Upon completion of malolactic fermentationthe wine was matured in oak for a period of 12 months.

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