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**BACKSBERG**  
ESTATE CELLARS

## MERLOT 2010

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### ORIGIN

Western Cape

### CLIMATE

Mediterranean

### SOIL TYPE

Clay loam, med-high yield, 280m north elevation

### VITICULTURE

2-12 year old vineyards, yield 7-12t/ha

### VINIFICATION

Long skin fermentation with lots of aeration. Oak maturation for 12 – 18 months in 225l oak barrels.

### BLEND

100% Merlot - wooded

### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 - 7 years

### WINEMAKER

Guillaume Nell

### ANALYSIS

R/S (g/l): 2.1    pH: 3.75  
TA: 5.8            Alc % (vol): 14.39

### TASTING NOTE

Pungent aromas of raspberry and red plums are tempered by the deft use of French oak maturation. The palate is redolent with succulent, sweet fruit flavours and finely coated in ripe, mouth-filling tannins. Smokey and savoury oak characters provide a subtle background to this complex and well balanced wine.

### FOOD PAIRING

Goes very well with duck, lamb, sirloin steak and pastas. Also great with chocolate and mint desserts.

