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**BACKSBERG**  
ESTATE CELLARS

## MERLOT 2012

BACKSBERG > PREMIUM RANGE



### 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

This wine undergoes a long period of fermentation on the skins with much aeration. Oak maturation takes place for 12-18 months in 225ℓ oak barrels.

### BLEND

100% Merlot - oaked

### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 - 7 years

### WINEMAKER

Alicia Rechner

### ANALYSIS

R/S (g/l): 2.2    pH: 3.61  
TA: 5.3            Alc % (vol): 13.81

### TASTING NOTE

Pungent aromas of raspberry and red plums are tempered by the deft use of French oak during maturation. Smokey and savoury oak characters are subtle undertones to a palate of succulent, sweet fruit. This complex wine is nicely held together by ripe and silky, mouth-filling tannins.

### FOOD PAIRING

Pairs well with duck, lamb, sirloin steak and pastas, as well as being a delicious partner to chocolate and mint desserts.

