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*Winemaker,
Carl Schultz,
individually tasting
and hand-selecting
bunches for his
2008 Merlot.*

OUR 2005 VINTAGE WAS RATED THE WORLD'S BEST MERLOT AT THE INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION IN LONDON.

Enough said.

Name:	Merlot
Vintage:	2008
Awards:	2008 vintage: 4 Stars in the John Platter SA Wine Guide (2009) 2007 vintage: Veritas Gold 2006 vintage: 4 ¹ / ₂ Stars in the John Platter SA Wine Guide (2009) 2005 vintage: Adjudged World's Best Merlot at IWSC (England)
Barrel Ageing:	17 months in 50% new, and 50% second fill French oak
Maturation:	Up to 6 years from vintage
Alcohol:	14.02 % by volume
Residual Sugar:	2.20 g/l
Total Acid:	5.82 g/l
PH:	3.55
Food Matching:	Game, lamb and beef dishes of all kinds.
Tasting Note:	Silky and elegant with longlasting flavour. Expect black and red fruits, vanilla and orchards of plum.
Independent Tasting Note:	"Violets & pure mulberry fruits braid meaty flesh, tense but vibrant farewell" Platters 2011

It's a good thing you don't have to understand wine, to enjoy it.

Here's what went on, anyway, before this Merlot was poured into its bottle:

Five different clones were used in this vintage, with each vineyard specifically selected. Each bunch of grapes was hand-picked early in the morning, before dawn.

The grapes were cold soaked for 2 days, then the juice inoculated with a French-sourced yeast. The must was fermented between 24 and 26° Celsius and pumped over four times daily, followed by an extended maceration for 10 days, and a fractional pressing. (Free run and some press juice was only blended at a later stage).

After settling, the wine went into 80% new and 20% second fill French oak for malolactic fermentation.

If you're a little confused, what this means is that the guys who make this are all a little bit nuts – cuckoo - for good wine, and they won't let anyone or anything get in the way of making the very best that anyone has to offer. In the world. In fact, the universe.

And that means, when you see the name "Hartenberg" on any bottle of wine, you don't need to know anything else. Except where to find the corkscrew.

