

GUARDIAN PEAK

(STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE)

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Fine wine, superb food and magnificent panoramic views are the signature feature of the new Guardian Peak winery which opened in December 2005. These fruit driven wines include three red blends and three single varietal wines which embody the new-world style of winemaking allowing them to be enjoyed at an early age.

The Guardian Peak brand is designed to complement those who enjoy a healthy, active, outdoor lifestyle, and the wines are crafted to be accessible and enjoyed anywhere at any time. Philip van Staden started with the company in 2004, where he completed a harvest at Rust en Vrede. After a move to Ernie Els wines and four years later, Philip moved down to Guardian Peak in 2009 where he has taken over the winemaking responsibilities.

The climate is Mediterranean with the rainfall +/- 650mm per annum, the vineyards are located high up on the northern slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This contribution imparts warmer fruit flavours to the wine. In summer, the vineyards close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean result in cool sea breezes that keeps temperatures lower, extending the ripening period.

The vineyards have a diverse composition of soil and topography which add complexity and an array of different characteristics to our wines.

Frontier 2011

CSPC# 721145

750mlx12

14.31% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.7 g/l	pH: 3.60	Residual Sugar: 4.2 g/l
Grape Variety	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Shiraz, 20% Merlot		
Winemaker	Philip van Staden		
Vinification/ Maturation	The wine is fermented at 28°C in a combination of open (punch down) and closed fermenters (pump over) for 7 to 14 days. Punch downs and pump overs occurred 5 times a day. Maturation occurred in 2nd and 3rd fill 300-liter French and American oak for 12 months. The varietals were matured separately; thereafter they were blended prior to bottling.		
Tasting Notes	Deep Ruby Red. Great complexity on the nose with floral notes of jasmine and violet. This is backed up by sandalwood and liquorice with hints of classic lead pencil. Ripe, juicy red fruit are prominent on the palate with a lengthy, smooth finish. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz are in perfect harmony. Together with the Merlot, this creates a well rounded, wonderfully balanced wine. <i>Impression:</i> "The three varietals each contribute unique flavours and character to the wine to make this a wonderful drinking experience. The wine will mature and soften beautifully over the next 5 years."		
Production	6400 cases made.		
Cellaring	The wine will mature and soften beautifully over the next 5 years		
Scores/Awards	84 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013 4 stars - John Platter, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2013		
Reviews	<i>"Rounded and easy, with cherry and red licorice notes backed by a dash of singed vanilla. Drink now. 6,400 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator <i>"3-way cab, shiraz & merlot blend shows a herbal edge in 2011. Plum & tobacco flavours mingle with tar & smoky depth. Body, length & structure are all there. Polished yet savoury."</i> - JP, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2013		

