



## RAILROAD RED 2008

**VARIETY:** Merlot, Shiraz and Cabernet Franc with small percentages of Sangiovese, Ruby Cabernet and Mourvedre.

**VINTAGE:** 2008

**CELLAR:** Robertson & Franschhoek Cellar

**AREA OF ORIGIN:** Western Cape, South Africa

**VINEYARD:** Railroad vineyards are all home grown. Cabernet Franc and Merlot originate from our farms in Stellenbosch and Franschhoek while the Shiraz, Mourvedre and Ruby Cabernet hail from the sunny sites in Robertson, promoting upfront fruit characteristics.

**HARVEST DETAILS:** Harvesting took place from the end of February 2008 to the last week of March 2008.

**CELLAR TREATMENT:** Fermented in closed and open fermenters with regular pump overs and punch downs to ensure optimum fruit and soft extraction. A portion of the blend was matured in 4<sup>th</sup> fill French and American oak barrels for 6 – 8 months with the rest of the blend kept unoaked for upfront berry fruit flavours and freshness.

**TASTING NOTES:** “Sweet redberry fruit flavours from the Merlot and Cabernet Franc and spiciness from the Shiraz with layers of subtle fruit tannins on the palate. Harmonious, lightly oaked, fruit-rich and flavourful with a lively drinkability. A generous and rewarding red wine.

**SERVING:** Enjoy with veal, roast lamb, stews or rich pasta dishes.

**ANALYSIS:**

Alcohol: 14.57 % vol (± 0.2 % vol)  
Residual Sugar: 2.81 g/l (± 0.5 g/l)  
pH: 3.64 (± 0.05)  
Total Acid: 5.17/1 (± 0.25 g/l)