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Place in The Sun Merlot 2013 – 01.05.2015



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Place in The Sun Merlot 2013 is part of a family of wines, which on its label, depicts the rays of the sun, representing the warmth of South Africa, a land of optimism, of persevering in the face of difficulty and the spirit of helping others. Place in the Sun wines are special in that they are part of helping a local community. The farm workers receive 70 cents for each bottle sold and they have a Fairtrade Committee which develops programmes to assist with the social lives of the families. There is a crèche, a vegetable project and for the first time this year, a tertiary education student graduating from University.



**Place in the Sun
Deon Boshoff, winemaker**

The wines are made in the Zonnebloem Cellar under the guiding hand of Deon Boshoff, Cellarmaster. Zonnebloem is a name so well known in the wine industry that virtually no-one can remember for how long, certainly a couple of hundred years. The grapes, which are grown in Stellenbosch, one of the country's premier wine growing regions, are Fairtrade certified. The vineyards grow under maritime influence with cooling breezes in summer slowing down the ripening process and allowing the grapes to develop deeper colour and flavour. For this wine, the grapes were hand harvested from trellised vines and taken to the cellar where they are given careful elevation by Deon and his team. Once destalked and crushed, the grapes are cold macerated on the skins where the process of colour and flavour extraction begins. The wine was fermented dry and followed by malolactic fermentation. Gentle oak aging took place for 12 months before the wine was prepared for bottling. Place in the Sun wines are soft wines, easily accessible when young and a total pleasure to drink.

It looks like

The label is elegant, the bottle screwcapped. In the glass it is gem bright an almost opaque lively ruby at the core that pales to garnet at the rim.

It smells like

Fresh sliced blood plums and crushed black cherries. Undertow of apple mint.

It tastes like

Cherries and plums in generosity. Soft texture with pleasant soft tannins which are in great balance with the fruit and the oak.



Carey Boucher Erasmus's Lentil & Veggie Bobotie

It's

good

with

Perfect for a glass on its own watching The Stormers thrashing the opposition with a stick of biltong and a sharp knife in your hand. Carey Boucher Erasmus has a thoroughly delicious Lentil & Veggie Bobotie which is a great match with this wine. [CLICK HERE](#) for her recipes.

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