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MERLOT – EAGLES' NEST – WINE OF ORIGIN COASTAL REGION – CONSTANTIA – WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA – MADE AND BOTTLED BY EAGLES' NEST 2012 14%

VISUAL ANALYSIS: limpid, ruby red with purple reflexes

OLFACTORY ANALYSIS: vanilla, strawberries, toasted smell and wild rose

GUSTATIVE ANALYSIS: I can perceive an intense alcoholic dryness together with some mineral notes (crisping sensation in the dorsal part of the tongue); there is a bitter tendency, given by tannins, at the end of the mouth and the gustative aromatic persistency is about 4/5 seconds

WINE-FOOD COMBINATION: red meat underdone

<u>Parameters for the wine-food combination:</u>

- 1. The succulence of the meat is compensating for the alcoholic dryness of the wine
- 2. The sweet tendency of the meat is counterweighing the bitter final of the wine (tannins) and the mineral notes
- 3. The structure of the recipe is matching to the structure of the wine
- 4. The gustative persistence of the meat is pairing with the aromatic persistence of the wine