

## Steenberg Catharina Red 2002

Veritas 2004 - Gold

Veritas 2005 - Bronze

This full bodied, deep garnet wine is a unique Steenberg blend made in honour of Catharina Ras, our founder. It has a complex nose of lavender, spice and cedar wood with hints of cassis and firm ripe tannins on the palate.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 26% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Franc, 3% Nebbiolo

**winery :** Steenberg Vineyards

**winemaker :** John Loubser

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol    rs : 2.3 g/l    pH : 3.6    ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **body :** Full    **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

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**ageing :** This wine will benefit with careful cellaring.

**in the vineyard :** Soil type: Decomposed Granite/Clovelly

Trellising: Elongated Perold

Age of vines: 12 years

Pruning: Spur - 2 bud

Yield: 7.00 Ton/Ha

Rootstock: 101 - 14 MGT/Richter 110

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested at sugar level of about 24-25° Balling in March and April 2002.

**in the cellar :** After destalking and crushing, the grapes were pumped into a stainless steel tanks and inoculated. The grapes were fermented on the skins for 7 days at a temperature of 30°C. After fermentation and pressing the wine completed malolactic fermentation in the barrel. After racking the wine spent 20 months in new French oak. A gentle egg white fining was done before bottling.

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