

## La Cave Merlot 2003

A rich combination of berry and oak flavours. A soft structured oak barrel matured wine with mouth filling complexity.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Wellington Wines

**winemaker :** André Swanepoel

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 15.0 % vol    rs : 2.2 g/l    pH : 3.5    ta : 5.3 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

Veritas 2004 - Bronze

**in the vineyard :** The grapes came from a single vineyard with a yield of less than 10 tons per hectare.

**about the harvest:** Fruit was picked at optimum maturity.

**in the cellar :** Fermented dry on the skins at 26°C. Thereafter the free run portion went into new 225 litre oak barrels. Full malolactic fermentation was allowed in barrel. Then the wine was racked and after SO<sub>2</sub> adjustments, it was returned to the same barrels (80% from French and 20% from American origin) for 12 months.

