

Niel Joubert Merlot 2002

Courtesy of Dave Hughes

Nose packed with ripe plums, violets, chocolate and vanilla. Some attractive, well-rounded, mature notes in the mouth. Attractive, light touch of sweet oak. Soft, almost juicy tannins in long, well-rounded finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Niel Joubert Wines

winemaker : Ernie Lecht

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 6.3 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

ageing : Already easy to drink, yet has good potential to develop over four to five years.

in the vineyard : Age of vines: 6 years

Slope and aspect: Northern slopes of Simonsberg

Soil: Hutton

Trellis type: 5 wire vertical

Yield: 7.5 tons per hectare

Irrigation: Supplementary drip

Pruning: 2 arms cordon 4 spurs per arm

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand on 15th March 2002 at 25.0Â° Balling.

in the cellar : Skin contact: 14 days

Barrel maturation: 70% French oak barrels 30% tank

