

Ernie Els 2002

Colour: Dark ruby.

Bouquet: Hints of floral, herbs, pencil shavings and leather, supported by red and dark berry flavours. This wine: Earthy and mineral, wild berries, mocha, this wine is forever changing in the glass. Firm tannins and French Oak seamlessly integrated, with dried fruit flavours that linger nicely on the slightly dry finish. Larger than life tannins will ensure good ageing. Decant!

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

winery : Ernie Els Wines

winemaker : Louis Strydom

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** 0

Wine Spectator Magazine (USA) - 91 Points

John Platter (SA) - 5 Stars

Wine Magazine (SA) - 4 Stars

in the vineyard : Concept:

Producing a wine made up of five Bordeaux varieties to reflect the unique diversity of the Stellenbosch terroir. This wine, made by cellar master Louis Strydom, is Ernie Els and Jean Engelbrecht's vision to produce an exceptional wine, reflecting their respective commitment to quality.

Climatic Conditions:

Mediterranean with the rainfall \hat{A} 650mm per annum, the EE vineyards are located high up on the northern slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This contribution imparts warmer fruit flavours to the wine. In summer, the vineyards' close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean result in cool sea breezes that keeps temperatures lower, extending the ripening period.

Soil:

The soils are deep red and is a mixture of weathered / decomposed granite and Hutton. A small percentage is made up of clay and Clovelly.

in the cellar : The different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot are kept separate (micro-vinified) throughout vinification. Vinified in 300 litre French oak barrels for 20 months, the wine underwent bottle maturation for a further 18 months. This wine is made in a full robust style and has the potential to age in excess of twenty years.

