

Devon Hill Merlot 2001

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A full-bodied wine, with dark chocolate flavours, hints of eucalypt and sweetish tannins.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Devon Hill Winery

winemaker : Theo Brink

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.58 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 5.4 g/l

type : Red style : Dry body : Full taste : Fragrant wooded

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : As the Valley lies less than 20 km from the False Bay coast, it is greatly affected by the cool south sea breezes, which prevail in the summer months. Winter brings on the moisture-laden northwest winds, which result in most of the Valley's 750 mm of annual rainfall.

Soil: Deep red, decomposed Granite soil

Trellising: Hedged (Perold system)

about the harvest: Only the best grapes were selected and harvested by hand at 24 Â°C.

Yield: 4 - 6 tons/ha

in the cellar : The juice was fermented until it reached a residual sugar level of Â±2.4 g/l. After malolactic fermentation was completed, the wine was racked twice before matured in 300L French oak barrels for 12 months.