

Savanha Reserve Merlot 2003

Counours Mondial de Bruxelles 2005 - Silver

The wine is dark ruby in colour, brilliantly clear, with a youthful purple edge. Inviting caramel and mint aromas are complemented by hints of eucalyptus. The fresh berry fruit is well integrated with the herbal and oak flavours and the soft, mouthfilling palate rewards with an abundance of chewy fruit, well balanced by firm, yet supple tannins.

Serve with red meat dishes: especially lamb or rich, spicy sausage.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Savanha

winemaker : Kobie Viljoen

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.28 % vol rs : 3.3 g/l pH : 3.3 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Enjoy now, but will develop well for up to 10 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : Trellised, 8-year-old vines planted on southeast-facing slopes yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 8 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes grown in selected vineyard blocks were picked at between 25° and 26° Balling.

in the cellar : Cold soaking for 2 to 3 days at a temperature of 13° to 14° Celsius ensured optimum extraction of colour and fruit flavours. Following fermentation, specific tanks were selected to undergo malolactic fermentation in oak barrels. Maturation in French oak barrels intensified the flavours and added complexity and finesse. The wines from selected barrels were then blended to create the unique style.

