

## Two Oceans Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2004

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This medium-bodied, smooth and very approachable wine made for early enjoyment, has a nose that offers ripe strawberry and cherry aromas which carry through on the palate and fills the mouth with soft and juicy tannins.

It is the ideal companion to most red meat dishes.

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**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

**winery :** Two Oceans Wines

**winemaker :** Coenie Snyman

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.57 % vol   rs : 5.1 g/l   pH : 3.5   ta : 5.94 g/l

**type :** Red

**pack :** Bottle

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**in the vineyard :** This Distell label takes its name from the two great oceans that converge at the Cape, the Indian and the Atlantic. The Cape's Coastal region enjoys a temperate climate, cooled by day-time maritime breezes from both oceans and a drop in night-time temperatures to allow grapes to ripen slowly. In addition, the moderate humidity means vines are far less prone to disease than in areas with higher moisture levels.

To ensure the finest quality, grapes are sourced from vineyards in cool growing areas. The winemaker works very closely with a team of viticulturists and he closely supervises pruning, suckering and canopy management practices for optimal crop yield. During the ripening season the grapes are tasted daily for ripeness and also chemically analysed to ensure they are picked when varietal flavours are most concentrated, tannins are ripe and there is a good balance between fruit and acid.

The grapes were sourced from vineyards in the coastal areas. They were grown in a range of soils from decomposed granite to deep, red.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested by hand and machine.

**in the cellar :** In each case, the juice was fermented at between 24°C and 26°C. The juice was left on the skins for five - seven days for maximum colour extraction. The skins were then removed, pressed and a small part of the pressed juice added back and fermentation was completed. After malolactic fermentation the wine was blended in a ratio of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon to 40% Merlot.



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