

## Two Oceans Merlot Shiraz 2004

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Colour: Ruby red

Bouquet: Aromas of berries, spices and black pepper

Taste: A medium-bodied wine with slight tannin, an abundance of berries with spicy and peppery nuances

It is the ideal companion to most red meat, game and pasta dishes.

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**variety :** Merlot | Merlot, Shiraz

**winery :** Two Oceans Wines

**winemaker :** Thinus Kruger

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.76 % vol   rs : 4.5 g/l   pH : 3.67   ta : 5.5 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.

The winemaker works very closely with a team of viticulturists and he rigorously supervises pruning, suckering and canopy management 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 and there is a good balance between fruit and acid.

Grapes were sourced from bush and trellised vineyards in the Stellenbosch, Paarl, Malmesbury, Wellington and Worcester areas, ranging from 50 m to 180 m above sea level.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested by hand at between 24° and 25° Balling during February.

**in the cellar :** The wine was fermented for four days on the skins to obtain as much colour and fruit as possible. Upon completion of malolactic fermentation the wine was matured in new French oak for 3 months.



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