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Steenberg Merlot 2003

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Young Wine Show 2003 - Class Winner; Gold
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Decanter Magazine UK - Silver
Classic Wine Trophy 2004 - Silver
This deep purple Merlot has incredible fruit concentration. Multi-faceted, with violets, incense and hints of soft spear mint on the nose. Black and red berry intensity on the palate, together with rich but subtle oak flavours and ripe tannins provide this wine with a long, full finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Steenberg Vineyards
winemaker : John Loubser
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.5 g/l **pH :** 3.5 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Soil type: Clovelly / Decomposed granite
Trellising: Elongated Perold
Age of vines: 11 years
Pruning: Spur - 2 bud
Yield: 8 Ton/Ha
Rootstock: Richter 110

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at a sugar level of 25Â° Balling on the 3rd March 2003.

in the cellar : The juice was fermented on the skins for the seven days, allowing the temperature in the tank to peak at 30Â°C. Air was incorporated during pump-overs which occurred 3 times per day. After pressing the wine was transferred to 225L new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The wine was left in barrel for 14 months. It then underwent a light egg white fining before being bottled unfiltered.

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