

## Rolands Reserve Merlot 2003

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International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2006 - Silver Best in Class  
Michelangelo Awards 2006 - Silver Medal

A full, luscious example of what South Africa can do with this classic French variety. Cigar box and black berry aromas are followed by intense Merlot fruit, complemented by sweetish oak notes.

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**variety** : Merlot | 85% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Shiraz

**winery** :

**winemaker** : Nicolaas Rust

**wine of origin** : Paarl

**analysis** : alc : 14.11 % vol   rs : 3.8 g/l   pH : 3.43   ta : 6.3 g/l   va : 0.50 g/l   so2 : 93 mg/l   fso2 : 33 mg/l

**type** : Red

**pack** : Bottle

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**in the cellar** : Roland's Reserve Merlot 2003 was made from the best Merlot grapes of the 2003 vintage. The vineyards are monitored throughout the growing season to see which will produce the best quality Merlot for the Reserve. The vineyards with the highest potential are then fermented separate and matured in barrel. The 2002 spent 16 months in 225 and 300 liter barrels. 100% French Oak. 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill.

