

Drostdy Hof Merlot 2004

Colour: Bright ruby red

Bouquet: Subtle berry aromas with delicate cherry in the background

Taste: Medium-bodied with ripe succulent fruit and slight oak spices

An ideal partner to pasta and red meat dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Drostdy-Hof Wines

winemaker : Thinus Kruger

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.02 % vol rs : 4.8 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.60 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle

ageing : It can be enjoyed now, but has been structured to gain complexity with maturation over the next few years.

in the vineyard : The grapes were sourced from Stellenbosch, Malmesbury, as well as Worcester and Robertson. The vineyards, ranging in ages from 8 to 20 years, were planted in a combination of decomposed granite and Glenrosa soils on Filloksera resistant R99 R110 and 101-14 rootstocks. Situated on south/south-westerly facing slopes the vineyards yield an average of six to eight tons per hectare.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand at between 23Â° and 26Â° Balling.

in the cellar : The juice was fermented for five days on the skins and after pressing, fermentation was continued without the skins. Once malolactic fermentation had been induced, the wine was matured in a combination of new, second-fill and third-fill French oak.

