

## Overgaauw Merlot 2003

The 1982 vintage of Overgaauw Merlot was the first wine of this variety to be bottled in South Africa.

A serious wine, despite its immediate juicy raspberry, chocolate and wood-spice appeal. The meaty undertones and firm backbone attest to the careful construction and promise of 5 or more years ageing. Sleek, smooth-textured and showcasing an array of red fruits, it is already drinking beautifully.

### Note about past vintages

All the initial vines have been replaced with virus-free material. The clones now used give more pronounced varietal flavours than in past years.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Overgaauw Estate

**winemaker :** Chris Joubert

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 2.51 g/l   pH : 3.65   ta : 5.36 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

**ageing :** The wine will benefit with bottle maturation, up to 5 years from vintage.

**in the vineyard :** Age of Vineyards: 21 years

Location of Vineyard: 180m above sea level, south-facing

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested at 24.8Å° Balling in February 2003.

Yield per hectare: 8 tons

**in the cellar :** Length of fermentation: 14 - 21 days skin contact

Cellar maturation: 22 Months in second-fill 225L barrels

