

## Delaire Merlot 1997

Distinctive Morello cherry and black plum fruit flavors are well supported by a spicy oakiness. An immense dry tannin structure results in a complete mouthfilling finish.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Delaire Graff Estate

**winemaker :** .

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.06 % vol    rs : 2.24 g/l    pH : 3.24    ta : 6.77 g/l

**type :** Red

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

South African Veritas Awards 1999 Gold Medal

John Platter South African Wine Guide rated 4 Star

South African Wine Magazine March 2000 - Amongst Top 13 Merlots in South Africa rated 3½ Star

International Wine Challenge 2000 "Silver Medal"

Rated 87 points by US Wine critic Robert Parker Jnr in a review of S.A. wines appearing in his international publication, The Wine Advocate.

**ageing :** Will age well over the next 5 to 10 years.

**in the vineyard :** For this flagship wine, the winemaker selected a small East facing vineyard, with high clay soils, for its slow ripened fruit. Bunches were hand selected for this limited edition wine of 200 cases.

