

Kaapzicht Merlot 1999

A ruby-plum colour. Loads of sweet fruit cake and plum aromas. Shows warm stewed plum and currant jamminess. A spicy, plum nicely wooded wine with hints of Bordeaux character. Quite supple though a touch tense on the finish.

Good with oxtail, steak and kidney pie or homely cottage pie.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Kaapzicht Wine Estate

winemaker : Danie Steytler

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 13.56 % vol **rs** : 1.8 g/l **pH** : 3.54 **ta** : 6.5 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle

2001 Veritas - Silver

2001 John Platter Guide 2003 - 4½Stars

ageing : Approachable now but should open up further through to 2004.

in the vineyard : Soil: Estcourt type, weathered granite topsoil on a layer of granite, above a crumbly clay sub soil.

Yield: 7 - 8 ton/hectare

Grape Varieties: 100% Merlot (13 year old trellised vines on R 110 rootstock)

about the harvest: Grapes harvested at 24.5° Balling.

in the cellar : Fermented with NT 112 in red wine tanks and pumped over three times a day, until dry. Pressed lightly at 1,4 Bar. Underwent malolactic fermentation in the tank before going into French oak barrels for 17 months. 40% new oak was used.