

Du Preez Estate Merlot 2003

Richly coloured with a fragrant bouquet of cherry, mulberry with mingling of rose and chocolate flavours.

For the Big occasion when serving meat.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Du Preez Estate

winemaker : Hennie du Preez Jnr

wine of origin : Breede River

analysis : **alc** : 13.5 % vol **rs** : 2.3 g/l **pH** : 3.58 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **wooded**

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Ready to drink but can age.

in the vineyard : The Du Preez Farms are situated near the Du Toitskloof mountains in the Breede River Valley, approximately 75km from Cape Town. The Du Preez family has been farming here for four generations. Wine have been made here since 1926 and produced with great care and dedication.

There is a total of 350 hectares under production.

The following noble cultivars are produced:

Merlot, Shiraz, Ruby Cabernet, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Pinotage, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillion, Chenin Blanc, Colombar and Muscat d' Alexandrie.

Climate:

The winters are cold with an average rainfall of 500mm, but summers, with their abundance of sunshine, are temperate and dry. Modern viticulture methods are applied throughout the vineyards. Crop protection is done with great care to ensure that the ecology is not disturbed. This is done to establish the production of superior quality wines as the sole purpose. In the cellar too, the latest technology ensures perfection.

about the harvest: Quality grapes are handpicked at optimum ripeness that is determined by tasting the grapes. Production per hectare is controlled to ensure quality. Meticulous attention to every detail is our motto.

in the cellar : A new ultra-modern cellar has been built that can handle up to four million litres of wine.