

Stellekaya Merlot 2004

2006 Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseur's Awards - Silver

Inspired by the brightest star in Taurus, the 'giant red', Aldebaran, known as the 'eye of the bull'

A medium styled wine with elegant nuances of plum, black current and spice combined with soft full ripe tannins create a complex and unique South African Merlot.

It's amenable character will make it good to match most food, including white meat and poultry. Eg: Roasted Five Spice Duck on a bed of crispy noodles.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Ntsiki Biyela

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.7 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.3 g/l so2 : 100 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle

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ageing : 5 - 8 Years

in the vineyard : Situation: South slopes of Stellenbosch mountains

Altitude: 180 - 200 metres

Soil Type: Tukululu (Decomposed Granite)

Age of Vines: 10 Years

Irrigation: Dry land

Climate: Cool False Bay evening breezes

about the harvest: Grapes were hand picked at full ripeness in early March 2004. The yield was about 7 tonnes per ha.

in the cellar : This wine was fermented in open fermenters, crushed in a basket press and then was matured in French Oak for 22 months.

