

Spier Private Collection Merlot 2004

Veritas 2006 - Silver

Dark purple in colour, this wine shows an elegant bouquet of plum and mulberry, layered with mint, chocolate and cigar box, following through to a creamy palate with a lingering aftertaste. A classic wine with excellent ageing potential.

Serve with lamb dishes.

variety : Merlot |

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Kobie Viljoen

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.83 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.9 g/l

type : Red style : Dry body : Full taste : Fragrant wooded

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Enjoy now or within 10 - 14 years of harvest.

in the vineyard : Average temperature: Winter 7-18°C / Summer 14-27°C

Annual rainfall: 920 mm

Proximity to ocean: 18 km

Soil: Fernwood, Kroonstad and Longlands

Viticulture: Trellised, 8 year-old vines planted on a flat hilltop yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and yielded 7 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes from selected vineyard blocks were hand-harvested at optimum ripeness, meticulously sorted, gently crushed and cooled to 10-12°C.

in the cellar : Cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation to enable extraction of colour and flavour. The wine was matured in French oak; with only the finest wine selected for blending and bottling.

Contains 3% Malbec.

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