

Vergenoegd Merlot 2002

Colour: Bright plum with ruby edge.

Nose: Rich red berry fruit with hints of chocolate mint and vanilla.

Palate: Rich ripe palate with well balanced red fruit and wood tannins. An elegant wine with a lovely mineral aftertaste.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

winemaker : John Faure

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.29 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

2001 Vintage - WINE Magazine **(*)

2000 Vintage - John Platter - ****, WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Double Gold Medal

1999 Vintage - John Platter - ****, Veritas Double Gold Medal

1998 Vintage - John Platter - ****, WINE Magazine ****, Juliet Cullinan 2nd Place

1997 Vintage - John Platter -***(*), WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Silver Medal

1996 Vintage - John Platter -***(*),WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Gold Medal

1995 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal

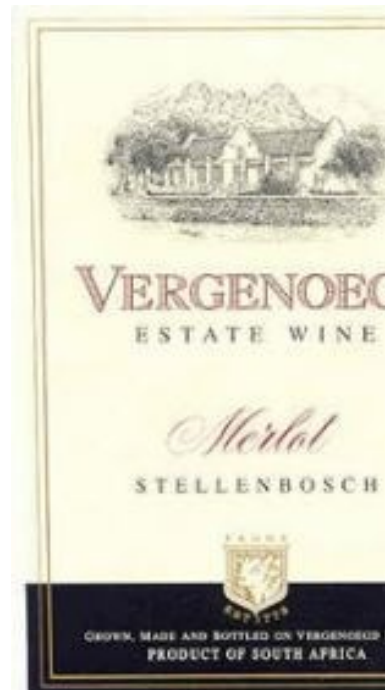
1994 Vintage - John Platter - ***, WINE Magazine ***

1993 Vintage - John Platter - ***

1992 Vintage - John Platter - ***

1991 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal

1990 Vintage - John Platter -***, Veritas Gold Medal



in the vineyard : Planted on more alluvial soils along the Eerste River, these vines grow well. They are trellised on a four wire hedge trellis system and are pruned back to two eye spurs. To restrict yield and promote light penetration for better colour, we practise an extensive summer pruning programme. The vines are 16 years old and supplementary irrigation is given when necessary.

about the harvest: Harvest date: 26/02/2004 @ 24.5° B

in the cellar : Wood maturation: 18-22 months in a combination of barrels 83% French, 12% Russian and 5% American 300 liter Oak barrel 1st Fill 53%, 2nd Fill 47%
Bottling date: 03/02/2004

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