

Overgaauw Merlot 2004

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The 1982 vintage of Overgaauw Merlot was the first wine of this variety to be bottled in South Africa.

The wine reflects optimum vineyard and cellar care. Powerful dark berry fruit tones resulting from the berry's perfect condition and ripeness, has married well with the delicate savoury spice, from the extended oak maturation. While the juicy lively medium bodied palate is designed for drinking pleasure, this elegant wine has a misleading accessibility and has the backbone to age for up to 5 years.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Overgaauw Estate

winemaker : Chris Joubert

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.46 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red wooded

pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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ageing : The wine will benefit with bottle maturation, up to 5 years from vintage.

in the vineyard : Vineyard location: Stellenbosch Kloof - 180m above sea level, S-facing, 15km from False Bay

Moderate Climate: Winter ave temp: 13°C (min 7°C, max 17°C) / Summer ave temp: 15.5°C (min 20.5°C, max 30.5°C)

Soil: Deep Hutton and Clovelly (decomposed Granite)

Age of vines: 23 years

Trellising: 4-wire hedge system with moveable wires

Pruning: Cordon system with 2 bud spurs, ensuring low yield

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at 24.8° Balling in February 2004.

Yield per hectare: 8 tons

