

## Morgenhof Estate Merlot Reserve 2001

The wine has a dark garnet red colour. This wine is full-bodied and powerful. It reminds a bit of a St Emilion wine. The nose has all the essential flavours, i.e. meaty, fruitcake, cherry chocolates and spice. Even though the palate is very full-bodied the tannins are soft and smooth with a powerful explosion of flavours of red cherries, spice and mocha. The wood flavour on the nose and on the palate is very subtle. The wine has been in 100% new French oak barrels for 18 months.

Enjoy this wine with special friends and people that have a passion for Merlot.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Morgenhof Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Rianie Strydom

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.96 % vol   rs : 3.3 g/l   pH : 3.56   ta : 5.5 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** This wine will benefit by further bottle maturation in good cellar-facilities for 8-10 years and should reach its full potential by 2009-2011.

**in the vineyard :** Simonsberg-Stellenbosch. Produced, made and bottled on Morgenhof Wine Estate. This farm is 4km from Stellenbosch and 25km from Paarl on the R44 road.

This wine was quite a surprise to come out of a young block of Merlot which was in its second year of production. I have to add that this block is planted next to the block that produced the previous two reserves that we bottled.

