

Steenberg Merlot 2005

2007 Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseur's Awards - First Gold: Merlot

This deep purple Merlot has incredible fruit concentration. Multi-faceted, with violets, incense and hints of soft spear mint on the nose. Black and red berry intensity on the palate, together with rich but subtle oak flavours and ripe tannins provide this wine with a long, full finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Steenberg Vineyards

winemaker : John Loubser

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.56 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 6.2 g/l va : 0.56 g/l so2 : 66 mg/l fso2 : 30 mg/l

type : Red wooded

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Soil type: Clovelly / Decomposed granite

Trellising: Elongated Perold

Age of vines: 13 years

Pruning: Spur - 2 bud

Yield: 8 Ton/Ha

Rootstock: Richter 110

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at a sugar level of 25Â° Balling in March 2005.

in the cellar : The juice was fermented on the skins for the seven days, allowing the temperature in the tank to peak at 30Â°C. Air was incorporated during pump-overs which occurred 3 times per day. After pressing the wine was transferred to 225L new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The wine was left in barrel for 14 months. It then underwent a light egg white fining before being bottled unfiltered.



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