

## Majors Hill Merlot 2005

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**Veritas 2007 - Silver**

A refined and elegantly structured Merlot with black berry and ripe plum with hints of smokiness completed by soft tannins.

This wine is an ideal accompaniment to fine red meat dishes.

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**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Majors Hill Winery

**winemaker :** Alkie van der Merwe

**wine of origin :** Robertson

**analysis :** alc : 15.0 % vol   rs : 2.4 g/l   pH : 3.4   ta : 6.2 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

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**ageing :** Up to 10 years.

**in the vineyard :** Soil Type: Rich loamy river sediment

Age of Vines: 7 years

Viticulture practice: Trellised. Controlled irrigation. Green dropping to ensure even ripeness at harvest time. Summer pruning.

Yield per Hectare: 7 tons

**about the harvest:** Only selected optimum ripened grapes, hand harvested in March 2005.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were destemmed right into tanks by gravity, are used. The whole berries then gets fermented with specially selected yeast with the juice being pumped over every 4 hours. The wine is then kept on the skins for three weeks and then the free juice is separated from the skins which then gets pressed. After malolactic fermentation the wine gets blended.

Wood ageing: 12 Months in 70% French oak barrels and 30% American oak barrels.

Bottling date: April 2005