

Spier Colours Merlot 2006

The wine is cherry red in colour, clear and brilliant. Sweet plum aromas are joined on the nose by caramel and vanilla. A velvety-soft, accessible palate shows prominent, juicy, lingering plum. An easy-drinking wine of consistent quality.

Serve with meaty pasta such as lasagne or cheese.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Anton Swarts

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.47 % vol rs : 4 - 5 g/l pH : 3.39 ta : 5.57 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy now, or within 2 years of harvest.

in the vineyard : Climate:

Average temperature: Winter 17°C; Summer 25°C

Annual rainfall: 220 mm

Proximity to ocean: 30km - 150 km

Soil:

Alluvial, Silty Dundee, Tukulu, Oak leaf and Riverbed

Vineyard:

Trellised vines and bush vines yielded the grapes for this wine. The vines are 9 - 20 years old, received supplementary irrigation and produced 8 - 15 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: The grapes for this wine were hand-harvested and sorted.

in the cellar : The grapes were de-stemmed and gently crushed. Cold maceration occurred at 10 - 12°C, followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Daily pump-overs were conducted for optimum extraction of colour and flavour. Wines from chosen tanks were blended and fined, and matured for 6 months before bottling.

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