

Durbanville Hills Merlot 2005

Veritas 2007 - Bronze

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Colour: Dark ruby with purple edges.

Bouquet: Strawberries and plums with dark chocolate and sweet berries.

Taste: Soft entry, medium-bodied with richly concentrated fruit flavours on the palate complemented by tastes of prunes.

An ideal partner to robust dishes made from game poultry, venison and red meats, especially stews and casseroles.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Durbanville Hills Cellar

winemaker : Martin Moore

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 13.8 % vol rs : 1.3 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 6.4 g/l

type : Red wooded

pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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in the vineyard : Seven leading vineyard owners in the Durbanville area joined with Distell to create Durbanville Hills and promote the regional individuality of this prime wine-growing area. Just 10 kms from the Atlantic Ocean, it boasts a temperate climate with sea breezes blowing off False Bay cooling the vines during the summer months. Grapes for this brand, which has attracted widespread positive attention both in South Africa and abroad, are sourced only from member growers, all of whom fall under the limited appellation of Durbanville. All member vineyards subscribe to IPW (Integrated Production of Wine) growing practices, designed to sustain natural resources. Meticulous crop control applied to these dryland vineyards further limits yields and promotes concentration of varietal flavour, encouraging a process of natural selection.

The vineyards (viticulturist: Dricus Heyns)

The grapes for this wine were selected from two distinctly different vineyards "one on a sunny, north-facing hill, chosen for the prominent varietal aromas of the grapes, and the other on a cool, south-facing slope, chosen for the sound structure the grapes would impart to the wine.

about the harvest: Grapes from the vineyards were harvested by hand during March at between 25° and 26° Balling and vinified separately.



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