

Slaley Merlot 2003

Aromas of cigar box, cherries, mulberries, plums and fruitcake. Also note a touch of leather and some earthiness/minerality.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Slaley Wines

winemaker : Shaun Turnbull

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 12.1 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.39 ta : 6.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : A blend of 2 blocks of Merlot, with Block 120 providing youthful vigour to the wine and Block 302 elegance and class.

Age of vines:

Block 302: 11 years

Block 120: 5 years

Trellising: Five wire trellising

Pruning: Cordon with spurs

Soil:

Block 302: Oakleaf with decomposed granite

Block 120: Deep Hutton

Position:

Block 302: north-west facing slope of Simonsberg on the farm Ernita

Block 120: south-east facing slopes of Simonsberg on the farm Slaley

Irrigation: Overhead sprinklers

Yield:

Block 302: 6.65 Ton/ha

Block 120: 5.96 Ton/ha

about the harvest: Harvest Date:

Block 302: 21 February 2003

Block 120: 26 February 2003

in the cellar : More new oak was used this year to fill the middle palate and give more complexity to the wine. 15% was blended back from the 2004 vintage to enhance complexity.

