

## Spier Private Collection Merlot 2005

2007 Mundus Vini, Germany - Gold Medal

2007 International Wine Challenge "Commended"

2007 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Silver Medal

Dark plum in colour, this wine shows sweet red berries and oak-derived aromas. A firm, full palate of litchi and plum promises excellent ageing potential.

Serve with rich lamb goulash and cheddar-topped mash.

**variety :** Merlot | 92% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

**winery :** Spier Wine Farm

**winemaker :** Kobie Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.83 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

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**ageing :** Enjoy now or within 10 - 14 years of harvest.

**in the vineyard :** Average temperature: Winter 11-19°C / Summer 14-28°C

Annual rainfall: 880 mm

Proximity to ocean: 12 km

Soil: Clovelly and Glenrosa

Viticulture: Trellised, 6 year-old vines planted on south-western slopes facing False Bay yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and yielded 7 tons per hectare.

**about the harvest:** Grapes from selected vineyard blocks were hand-harvested at optimum ripeness, meticulously sorted, gently crushed and cooled to 10-12°C.

**in the cellar :** Cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation, 15% of which occurred in open vats. The wine was matured in new French- and American oak barrels with only the finest wine selected for blending and bottling.

Also contains 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec.



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