

Niel Joubert Merlot 2005

Nose packed with ripe plums, chocolate, violet and vanilla. Light touch of sweet oak. Soft, almost juicy tannins in long, well-rounded finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Niel Joubert Wines

winemaker : Ernie Lecht

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 2.8 g/l **pH** : 3.42 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle

ageing : Easy to drink now, but good potential to develop over 4-5 years.

in the vineyard : Age of vines: 9 years

Slope and aspect: Northern slopes of Simonsberg

Soil: Hutton

Trellis type: 5 wire vertical

Irrigation: Supplementary drip

Pruning: 2 arms cordon 4 spurs per arm

about the harvest: Method: Hand harvested

Ripeness: 24.5° Balling

Yield: 8 tons/ha

in the cellar : Skin contact: 12 days

Barrel maturation: 50% French oak barrels and 50% tank

