

## Meerkat Burrow Blend 2006

A warm accessible wine, made from classic Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a wine rich with ripe red cherry character, sweet black current and subtle liquorice. Nutty chocolate wood tones round off the wine and give it a long velvety finish. This new member of the Meerkat family should easily become as popular as the Pinotage and Chenin Blanc.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** Schalk Burger & Sons

**winemaker :** Matthew Copeland

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.9 % vol   rs : 1.3 g/l   pH : 3.55   ta : 5.8 g/l   va : 0.58 g/l   so2 : 76 mg/l   fso2 : 24 mg/l

**type :** Red   **taste :** Fragrant

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

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**in the vineyard :** 2006 was a year of low yields and even lower rainfall. Fortunately we have a wide selection of vineyards on the farm and careful picking allows us to produce wines of a consistently high quality

**about the harvest:** Low average yields, picked at an optimal ripeness of 24Â° Balling gives the wine exceptional colour intensity, great body and a full fruity flavour.

**in the cellar :** Once the bunches have been hand selected in the vineyard, the whole grapes are chilled in our special pre-cooling room for 24hrs, before being gently destemmed and crushed.

The crushed grapes are then allowed to cold soak overnight, before being inoculated with yeast. The grapes ferment in open cement fermenters for approximately 10 days at 28Â° C and are "punched down" regularly by hand. The grapes are then pressed in our special basket press. .

All grapes come from the farm and we can truly say that the wine is grown, made, matured and bottled at Welbedacht.

