

KWV Lifestyle Merlot 2006

This wine is medium bodied, easy drinking and has black cherry and chocolate aromas and flavours.

Enjoy this wine on its own or with red meat, chicken and pasta dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : KWV Classic Collection

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.48 g/l pH : 3.83 ta : 5.97 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : This was among the trickiest of Cape vintages. It was hot and exceptionally dry. Grape ripening generally was early by 2 – 3 weeks and often uneven, compounding uneven spring budburst. Exceptionally small berries resulted in concentrated flavours and promising colours.

ABOUT THE AREA

South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast. This is the southernmost region of the African continent, and has a Mediterranean type climate and diverse soils perfectly suited to quality grape production.

about the harvest: Harvesting took place in February at optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were crushed and the juice was then fermented on the skins until dry. Malolactic fermentation took place, and the wine was then matured in 300 litre oak barrels for 12 months before being blended and bottled.

