

## Stellenzicht Golden Triangle Cabernet Sauvignon 2002

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Colour: Rich, deep ruby

Bouquet: Aromas of ripe blackcurrant and cassis.

Taste: The soft tannins allow for an elegant wine with good ageing potential.

Partner with herb-crusted lamb roasts and grilled game fish or enjoy on its own.

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**variety** : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery** :

**winemaker** : Guy Webber

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : **alc** : 15.13 % vol **rs** : 3.69 g/l **pH** : 3.65 **ta** : 5.7 g/l

**type** : Red

**pack** : Bottle

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**ageing** : The wine will reach its full potential in the next six to eight years.

**in the vineyard** : **Viticulturist: Eben Archer**

The grapes were sourced from a vineyard planted in 1991 on very gentle slopes facing west to south-west, in soils originating from decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone. The vines, grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstocks of Richter 110 and are trellised on a five-wire fence system, yielded an average of 3,88 tons per hectare.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were harvested by hand in mid-March, destalked, gently crushed and cooled down to 15°C before being transferred to the fermenting tank. A pure yeast culture (NT50) was inoculated into the must and the fermentation continued for four days during which time the temperature reached 29°C. The still-fermenting juice was then drained off the skins at 4° Balling and, together with the press juice was transferred to a settling tank before being transferred to oak the following day.

Fermentation was allowed to complete in the barrels with malolactic fermentation being induced once the alcoholic fermentation was complete. The wine then spent the next 30 months maturing on its fermentation lees with no racking taking place during this period. Barrels used for maturation were all 300 litre "hogsheads" of which 67% were of French Oak and 33% of American White Oak.