

Ridgeback Merlot 2005

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Generous aromatics of ripe plums, mulberries and dark chocolate oak spice with hints of mint. A dense and concentrated midpalate evolves to a long, juicy finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Ridgeback Wines

winemaker : Cathy Marshall

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 2.64 g/l pH : 3.72 ta : 6.04 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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ageing : 5 to 8 years

in the vineyard :

North- South facing vineyards are grown in deep Oakleaf soils and are vertically shoot positioned. The vines are irrigated according to soil moisture availability and leaf water potential schedules.

about the harvest:

Grapes were handpicked on 8-9 February 2005.

Bunches were healthy and harvested at optimal vine and seed ripeness.

Analysis:

Sugar: 24.7° Balling

Acidity: 5.76g/l

pH: 3.84

