

Graham Beck Merlot 2005

Fresh red berries, violets and fruitcake spiciness on the nose. Juicy palate with lots of berries, spice and chocolate and elegant ripe tannins on the finish.

Excellent with steak, hearty briedies, roast chicken or lamb.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : House of Graham Beck

winemaker : Pieter Ferreira

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.80 % vol rs : 2.50 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.53 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Chosen vineyards from mainly the Franschoek estate planted on deep sloping Table Mountain Sandstone, with one vineyard from the Stellenbosch estate planted on decomposed granite soils.

about the harvest: Handpicked at optimum ripeness at 25°B in mid-February from various vineyards on chosen sites to enhance the Merlot characteristics of the wine.

in the cellar : Cold maceration prior to fermentation. Aerated pump overs with extended maceration after the alcoholic fermentation is completed. Malolactic fermentation finished in barrel and stainless steel tanks. Barrel maturation for 14 months in 1st, 2nd and 3rd fill French Oak from chosen coopers. Gentle handling ensures upfront fruit flavours and soft extraction.



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