

## Excelsior Merlot 2007

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**Aroma:** Sweet violet, blackberry fruits and on the nose.

**Palate:** Full and juicy with hints of plum and chocolate. Tannins are soft and subtle.

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**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Excelsior Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Johan Stemmet

**wine of origin :** Breede River

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 3.5 g/l   pH : 3.60   ta : 5.4 g/l   so2 : 85 mg/l   fso2 : 40 mg/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **wooded**

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

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**in the vineyard :** Merlot has a tendency towards green flavours and tannins, so canopy management practices like shoot removal and green harvesting are used to produced and evenly ripened crop.

**in the cellar :** Matured in 85% French and 15% American oak.

