

Morgenster Lourens River Valley 1999

Colour: Distinctive, intense ruby colour.

Nose: A savoury bouquet backed by spicy, vanilla nuances.

Palate: Hints of citrus and tea are complimented by cherry and rich red berry flavours that carry through from the nose to the palate.

The accessibility of this wine makes pairing with food an adventure - try olive pastes on bruschetta, lightly smoked meats, venison, game birds, and ripe cheeses.

variety : Merlot | 62% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Marius Lategan

wine of origin :

analysis : **alc** : 12.5 % vol **rs** : <1.5 g/l="">**pH** : 3.6 **ta** : 5.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

Platter Guide 2002: 4½ stars

in the vineyard : Near perfect ripening conditions meant fat, alcoholic reds with superb tannin structure.

Vineyards: Stellenbosch

Region: Helderberg ward.

in the cellar : 100% of the individual components spent 15 months in french oak. The wine once bottled was allowed for a further 7 months of maturation before release.

