

## Morgenster Lourens River Valley 2003 magnum

Colour: Deep ruby-red.

Nose: Extremely elegant aromas of ripe red fruits, plum, cinnamon, liquorice, blond tobacco and a strong, mineral streak.

Palate: Silky sweet in the mouth, with beautiful ripe fruit that's still young and wound tight. The finish is 'text book' fine-grain tannins and superb subtle persistence. Give this wine some special treatment by decanting it about an hour prior to serving and it will reward your efforts by emphasising these characteristics.

Rich, but simple uncomplicated Italian traditions; think Wild mushrooms and truffle oil, basil and rocket salad with gorgonzola, roast lamb with olives and black olive paste, rosemary and garlic, ostrich, duck and game bird ...

**variety** : Merlot | 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

**winery** : Morgenster Estate

**winemaker** : Marius Lategan

**wine of origin** :

**analysis** : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 6.3 g/l

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

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

The Best Wine in Japan Competition (Connoisseurs Category) 2013: Platinum

The Best Wine in Japan Competition (Professional Category) 2013: Gold

American Wine & Spirit Wholesaler Competition 2010: Gold

Platter Guide 2007: 4½ stars

Classic Wine Trophy 2007: Gold

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Michaelangelo Wine Awards 2006: Gold

**ageing** : Still has lots of length. It was a premium vintage with perfect condition allowing the wine to develop nicely over the next 7 years.

**in the vineyard** : An outstanding vintage offering concentrated, structured and generous reds. Even growth and ripening resulted in ripe tannin structure and good skin concentration.

Vineyards: Stellenbosch

Region: Helderberg ward

**in the cellar** : 100% barrel matured in 300 litre oak, from French coopers for 13 months.

