

Morgenster Lourens River Valley 2004

Colour: Deeply coloured intensity that is synonymous with wines of the Morgenster vineyards.

Nose: Ripe, sexy, expressive nose that gets one off to an excellent start; light toasted tobacco, liquorice, spice, herbs and minerals.

Palate: The flavour profile is on a par with the complexity of the aromatics. One feels seduced by this modern wine's elegance and balance rather than sheer power. The fruit is sweet and sexy, while the finish is long and consistent.

Don't limit yourself when finding matches for this classically styled, elegant red - think beyond the traditional red meats and game; for vegetarian options think ratatouille or try bolder flavoured fishes.

variety : Merlot | 64% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Marius Lategan

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : The wine will reward cellaring with a marked evolution.

in the vineyard : A challenging vintage with much debate over the optimum ripening status of the grapes. Strict crop thinning (green harvest) was employed to ensure the quality. The season was almost 4 weeks later than 2003.

Vineyards: Stellenbosch
Region: Helderberg ward

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

At Morgenster we employ a rigorous three tier selection process; handpicked in the vineyards, pre-crush sorting table selection of bunches as they enter the winery and again after barrel maturation which dictates a single minded quality focus for the Lourens River Valley - in fact it was the first label launched by Morgenster's owner Giulio Bertrand with the 1998 vintage. Bertrand's exacting quality standards, have if anything, become more meticulous over the years. With 10 years of knowledge of the specific vineyard's potential; the maturation of each vineyard has now produced a clear indication of promise. The evolution of the vineyards means they are now providing a structure and level of fruit demanded by the rigors of Morgenster's flagship.

In style, this wine is a classic, elegantly crafted Cape Bordeaux-style blend. The wines of Morgenster are hand crafted to make the most from the combination of our great terroir, international expertise, pure passion and dedication.

