

## Morgenster Estate Reserve 2001

Colour: Dense, rich, plum red.

Nose: On the intro, the presence of blackberries, pepper and spice show the slight dominance of the Cabernets.

Palate: The dense, complex mouth feel identifies elegant balance between the classic oak tannins and equality between fresh ripe berry flavours and ripe integrated varietal tannins.

Bold flavour-filled pasta, slow over roast Duck, most red meat dishes and especially good with ripe Goat's milk Brie.

**variety** : Merlot | 45% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Cabernet Franc

**winery** : Morgenster Estate

**winemaker** : Marius Lategan

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 2.5 g/l   pH : 3.55   ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

UK Sommelier Wine Awards 2018 : Gold

Bacchus Trophy, Taj Classic Wine Trophy 2015

The Wine Advocate 2011: 89

Platter Guide 2005: 4½ stars

Grape Magazine 2005: 4½ stars

UK Decanter 2005: 4 stars

Wine Magazine December 2005: Michael Fridjon Top 10

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Calyon Trophy 2005: Cape Bordeaux Blends Top 5

Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar 2005: 91+

"Weinwelt" Magazine (Germany) 2007: 95

Tri Nations nomination

**ageing** : The further cellaring potential on our 2001 is expressed in the elegance and balance between the various compositions' varietal and chemical substances. Now aged 10 years old the wine is drinking beautifully. This wine has just been re-released so we can share the still youthfulness of this wine as it can age for another 8 years

**in the vineyard** : Only the 2nd vintage under the flagship label; the composition begins in the vineyard when the vines are pruned to determine the shoot positioning and number of bunches for the following year; in particular from lower lying Cabernet vineyards where the reflection of sunlight from the rocky surface plays an extremely important role in the concentration of the fruit. Vineyard selection is extended to a final selection of individual barrels before blending is done.

The Morgenster Estate blend reflects the individuality of our terroir, a specific style which is dictated by varietals, but more importantly by the concentration of flavours found in this particular vintage. In the true style of Morgenster this is a wine of supreme elegance; it's not a showy wine.

The 3rd consecutive hot vintage that emphasised the importance of being patient to gain optimum ripeness.

Vineyards: Stellenbosch  
Region: Helderberg ward

**in the cellar** : 100% of the individual cultivars were matured for 16 months in 300 litre barrels; racked twice, 32% new; 38% second fill and 30% third fill.

