

Veenwouden Merlot 2004

2008 John Platter ****1/2 Stars: Only Merlot to achieve 'Highly Recommended' status, A Cape 'celebrity' wine.

The saturated dense purple coloured Veenwouden Merlot 2004 exhibits big blackberry, raspberry, cranberry, dark chocolate and a hint of roasted coffee. On the palate it has good underlying acidity with rich, ripe fruit, soft tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Duck with cranberry jus, springbok with cranberry or chocolate jus.

variety : Merlot | 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

winery : Veenwouden Private Cellar

winemaker : Marcel van der Walt

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.31 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.62 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2008 John Platter - 4 1/2 Stars

Berlin Trophy Wine Show 2009 - Premium Gold Medal

ageing : +10 years

in the cellar : Barrel maturation: 24 months in 80% new and 20% second fill French oak.

