

Rust en Vrede Estate Merlot 1998

"Keating the famous poet once said, "only in his dreams, man can be free". All of us must have dreams and a firm belief that there is a specific purpose why we were put on this earth. This wine is a manifestation that what the mind can conceive, it can achieve. Believe in this - and you will believe in yourself"

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Rust en Vrede Wine Estate
winemaker : Louis Strydom
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol pH : 3.53 ta : 6.8 g/l
type : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle

Veritas Awards: Silver medal
International Wine & Spirits Competition (London): Bronze Medal
Winelands Magazine (South Africa): 4/5 stars
John Platter: 4.5/5 stars

in the cellar : Climate

Mediterranean - rainfall $\hat{A}\pm$ 650mm per annum. Vineyards situated on northern slopes and at the end of the valley hence slightly warmer conditions.

Soil

Deep red soils. A mixture of weathered granite and a small percentage of clay, Clovelly and Hutton structure.

Vinification/Maturing

The grapes were harvested on 28 February and 10 March 1998. WE 372 yeast was used and fermentation temperature was about 28 \hat{A} °C. Fermentation on the skins took place over a period of 7 days. Malolactic fermentation followed in stainless tanks and the wine was left to mature for 12 months in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Colour : Deep red, bright, purple tints.

Aroma : First smell of crushed blueberries and red fruits, coffee, warm touches of fruits with alcohol.

Pallet : Warm aromas from the maturing in wood, tannins are already blended in a rounded harmonious way, good length.



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