

KWV Lifestyle Merlot 2007

This medium bodied wine is easy drinking and has black cherry, black berry and spicy aromas and flavours. The wine is well balanced with a lingering aftertaste.

Enjoy this wine on its own or with red meat, chicken and pasta dishes.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : KWV Classic Collection

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.56 % vol rs : 2.77 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 5.66 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Severe warm weather experienced during January resulted in an earlier than usual start to the harvest. These conditions lasted well into the second week of February and lead to rapidly rising sugar levels. From February 8 temperatures declined and subsequently the sugars dropped and harvesting of white and red grapes slowed considerably. Due to the cooler conditions sugar levels increased very slowly whilst grape flavours developed noticeably. The ripening conditions were close to perfect for the tail-end of the crop.

ABOUT THE AREA

South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast. This is the southernmost region of the African continent, and has a Mediterranean type climate and diverse soils perfectly suited to quality grape production.

about the harvest: Harvesting took place in February at optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were crushed and the juice was then fermented on the skins until dry. Malolactic fermentation took place, and the wine was then matured in 300 litre oak barrels for 12 months before being blended and bottled.

