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Zevenwacht Merlot 2006

Rich and generous with plush concentrated flavours of plums, chocolate and a combination of red and black cherries. Waves of upfront fresh red fruit and hints of herbs cover the palate from start to finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Zevenwacht Wine Estate
winemaker : Jacques Viljoen
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.02 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.41 **ta :** 6.6 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Veritas Awards 2008 - Silver
Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2009 - Bronze (72/100)
Veritas Awards 2009 - Silver Medal

ageing : For those with a fondness for a softer Merlot then this is your investment wine - a wine that, with maturation, will reward you handsomely.

in the vineyard : Three distinctive sites were sourced in the Stellenbosch District for this wine. The first site, on the cool slopes of Helshoogte, provides bright and juicy fruit with good acidity. The second, on the lower southern slopes of Kuils River hills, imparts tannic weight and absolute fruit density on the palate.

The western slopes of Die Eike, Bottelary Hills, offer Ribena ripeness and generosity on the finish. Although soil types differ between the sites, they all have some form of decomposed granite (some shale inclusions in the Die Eike vineyard) lying over a structured clay subsoil allowing for ample drainage and water retention when required.

in the cellar : 2006 was a cool vintage with the right amount of rainfall at the right time. Berry size was small, resulting in dense colouration and high extract in the wine.

In 2005, we used only free-run juice. this selection was aged in partly new and 2nd fill hogshead (300 litre barrels) for 15 months.



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