

## Roland's Reserve Merlot 2006

A typical Merlot, with delicious full ripe blackberries and chocolate characters. Hints of spices and fruit combined with judicious use of barrique.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :**

**winemaker :** Cerina de Jongh

**wine of origin :** Paarl

**analysis :** alc : 14.77 % vol    rs : 3.5 g/l    ta : 6 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

2009 Decanter World Wine Awards - Bronze medal

**in the vineyard :** Roland's Reserve Merlot 2006 was made from select Merlot parcels during vintage 2006. These plots, each with a unique character, were carefully managed during the growing season.

**about the harvest:** Handpicked into small baskets at 25.5° Balling.

**in the cellar :** The berries were destemmed and handsorted to ensure that only healthy, ripe berries were pumped to the fermentation tank. The parcels were fermented and matured separately. The barrels were chosen individually before racking, blending and bottling. The 2006 spent 18 months in 300 litre French Oak barrels (30% First Fill; 20% second fill; 50% third fill).

