

Elgin Vintners Merlot 2006

The Elgin Vintners Merlot 2006 is a vibrant red colour in the glass. On the nose, it displays an intriguing aroma of luscious raspberries and cherries interlaced with cinnamon, banana custard, violets and nutmeg. The elegant fruit follows through onto the palate where it combines well with the tannins imparted from French oak barrels to give a soft, silky finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Elgin Vintners

winemaker : Justin Hoy

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 13.85 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.43 ta : 6.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2009 Decanter World Wine Awards - Bronze medal

2009 International Wine Challenge - Commended

ageing : This wine will benefit from further bottle maturation.

in the vineyard : Six grape growers within the Elgin ward have joined forces to establish Elgin Vintners. The members are fortunate in that they are able to access outstanding quality grapes from within their ranks - each contributing something unique to the final product.

The Merlot from Drumearn is Clone Mo 348 grafted onto Paulsen rootstock. The Beaulieu Merlot is Clone Mo 343 grafted onto Richter 110. The Smart-Dyson trellising system has been used for both these vineyards in order to curb excess vigour induced by the high potential Tukululu soil type and to maximize sunlight interception.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested from two different vineyard sites, both established in 2002.

Harvest date: Drumearn - 15 March 2006; Beaulieu - 6 March 2006

in the cellar : The 2006 Elgin Vintners Merlot is our second vintage.

Bottling date: 3 August 2007

