

Vergenoegd Merlot 2003

Colour: Rich bouquet with a deep, ruby red colour.

Nose: Fruit driven, reflecting plum and raspberry overtones. Undertones of dark chocolate and mint.

Palate: The complexity is reflected in the long, lingering aftertaste, accompanied by firm tannins and toasty flavours. Notes of minerality reflects terroir.

variety : Merlot | 84% Merlot, 9% Shiraz, 4% Touriga Nacional, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

winemaker : John Faure

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 6.0 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

2003 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*)

2002 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*)

2001 Vintage - WINE Magazine **(*)

2000 Vintage - John Platter - ****, WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Double Gold Medal

1999 Vintage - John Platter - ****, Veritas Double Gold Medal

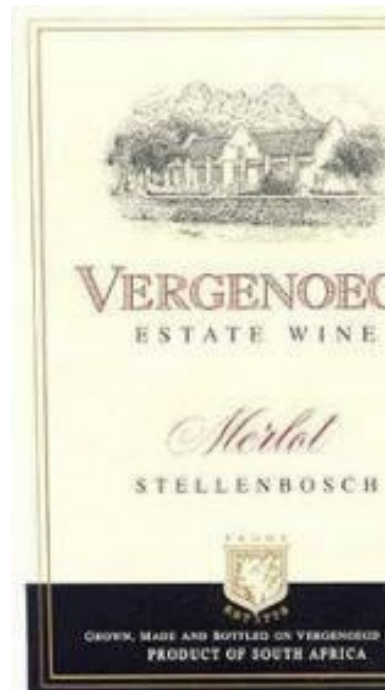
1998 Vintage - John Platter - ****, WINE Magazine ****, Juliet Cullinan 2nd Place

1997 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*), WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Silver Medal

1996 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*), WINE Magazine ***(*), Veritas Gold Medal

1995 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal

1994 Vintage - John Platter - ***, WINE Magazine ***



in the vineyard : Planted on more alluvial soils along the Eerste River, these vines grow well. They are trellised on a four wire hedge trellis system and are pruned back to two eye spurs. To restrict yield and promote light penetration for better colour, we practise an extensive summer pruning programme. The vines are 16 years old and supplementary irrigation is given when necessary.

in the cellar : Wood maturation:

18-22 months in a combination of barrels

100% French Oak barrels

46% 1st Fill; 54% 2nd Fill

Bottling date: 08/02/2005

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