

Shepherd's Cottage Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2007

A 60/40 blend, where Cabernet Sauvignon contributes rich black berry flavours and structure and the Merlot juicy black cherry flavours with a hint of chocolate. A voluptuous, generous, smooth textured wine.

Enjoy on its own or with mutton chops, leg of lamb, steak or a sumptuous meat dish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 70% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Merlot

winery : Overgaauw Estate

winemaker : David van Velden

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.3 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : This wine is designed for immediate enjoyment and up to 5 years ageing.

in the vineyard : Vineyard location: Stellenbosch Kloof - 185m above sea level, south facing, 15km from False Bay

Moderate Climate: Winter average temperature: 13°C (min 7°C, max 17°C) / Summer ave temp: 25.5°C (min 20.5°, max 30.5°C)

Soil: Deep Hutton and Clovelly (decomposed Granite)

Age of vines: Cabernet Sauvignon 8 years and Merlot 15 years

Trellising: 4-wire hedge system with moveable wires

Pruning: Cordon system with 2 bud spurs, ensuring low yield

As with all the wines produced in the Overgaauw cellar the Shepard's Cottage wines carry a quality signature: the commitment from the winemaking team to produce the best from the carefully nurtured fruit the harvest has to offer.

The Shepherd's Cottage at Overgaauw was originally built in the late 1700s to house the local Shepherd. It is a small quaint humble home, with thick old white washed walls and small windows which are protected by green shutters, each with a heart carved out in its centre. Four generations of van Veldens have made wine at Overgaauw and for the last two generations the newly wed van Velden children have had the privilege of calling this their home for the first few years of their married life.

Along with the rest of the Shepard's Cottage range of wines this red celebrates the warmth, commitment and love shared in this humble home.

about the harvest: The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes were harvested at 24.8°. Harvest date: Cabernet Sauvignon grapes harvested in February and March 2006, Merlot in February 2006

Yield per hectare: Cabernet Sauvignon 7 tons/ha and Merlot 7 tons/ha

