

Stellekaya Merlot 2006

Inspired by the brightest star in Taurus, the "giant red", Aldebaran, known as the "eye of the bull"

The elegant nuances of plum, black current and spice combined with soft full ripe tannins create a complex and unique Merlot for 2006. Delicious now, can age further.

Its amenable character will make it good to match most food, including white meat and poultry. Eg: Roasted Five Spice Duck on a bed of crispy noodles.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Ntsiki Biyela

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.65 ta : 5.8 g/l va : 0.55 g/l so2 : 76 mg/l fso2 : 18 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : 5 - 8 Years.

in the vineyard : Situation: South slopes of Stellenbosch mountains

Altitude: 180 - 200 metres

Soil Type: Tukulu (Decomposed Granite)

Age of Vines: 10 Years

Irrigation: Dry land land

Climate: Cool False Bay evening breezes

about the harvest: Grapes were hand picked at full ripeness in early March 2004. The yield was about 7 tons/ha.