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# Devon Hill Bluebird

A complex wine. This blend is perfectly balanced with spicy flavours, followed by cassis and chocolate tones.

Delicious with beef roasts, oxtail and creamy pasta dishes.

**variety :** Merlot | 73% Merlot, 17% Pinotage, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
**winery :**
**winemaker :** _
**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch
**analysis :** **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 0-5 g/l **pH :** 3.63 **ta :** 5.80 g/l **va :** 0.77 g/l **so2 :** 58 mg/l **fso2 :** 23 mg/l
**type :** Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

Veritas Awards - 2002, 2004 and 2005
4 Stars in John Platter Guide
Good Taste Magazine - Value for money - 2004




**in the vineyard :** **Soil:** Deep, red decomposed Granite soil.
**Growing Climate / Vintage Conditions:** As the Devon Valley lies less than 20km from the False Bay coast it is greatly affected by the cool southern sea breezes which prevail in the summer months. Winter brings on the moisture-laden northwestern winds, which result in most of the Valley's 750mm of annual rainfall.

**about the harvest:** Grapes were harvested by hand from a single vineyard at 24° Balling.
**Date of Harvest:** Mid-March to early April

**in the cellar :** **Method:** Fermentation took place with pump-overs at regular intervals. Fermented dry before being pressed. Only the free-run juice was used.
**Temperature:** 25 - 28° Celsius
**Length:** 10 - 25 Days on skins
**Malolactic:** After malolactic fermentation the wine was racked twice before it was matured in French and American oak barrels for 12 months.