

## Avondale Les Pleurs Merlot 2006

This wine has a deep velvety texture, with subtle understated fruit flavours to present itself with elegance, yet understated power. The tannins are integrated and unobtrusive and come across as silky, with a long finish.

### THE NAME

The arrival of spring warms the vine stirring her sap to tears: tears of pure joy at the miracle of birth, tears anticipating a bountiful harvest. Each year we select a few exceptional barrels to bear the Les Pleurs label. And we are sure you will agree: like Mother Nature you may even shed a tear or two, of joy of course.

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Avondale Farm

**winemaker** : Corne Marais

**wine of origin** : Paarl

**analysis** : alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 3.5 g/l   pH : 3.66   ta : 5.6 g/l

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

**pack** : Bottle   **closure** : Cork

**ageing** : The wine is ready for enjoyment, but will just mellow and get better with age for up to 15 years from bottling date.

**in the vineyard** : 13 year old vines.  
Yield of 5 tons per hectare.

Viticulturist: Johnathan Grieve

**about the harvest**: The fruit was hand-picked at 24° Balling.

