

## Delheim Merlot 2006

An elegant wine with black cherry aromas, complemented by hints of coffee bean and dark chocolate. Well balanced, with silky tannins and a smooth finish.

**variety :** Merlot | 100%

**winery :** Delheim Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Brenda van Niekerk

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 14 % vol   rs : 2.2 g/l   pH : 3.46   ta : 5.7 g/l

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

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

**in the vineyard :** 14 and 8 year-old vines trellised on 5-wire Perold.

**about the harvest:** Excess crop and green grapes removed twice before harvesting. This allowed for easy ripening of the fruit, resulting in maximum concentration of tannin and colour. Summer pruning for correct light exposure and canopy density was also done

**in the cellar :** Hand picked grapes. Fermentation took place in Roto-tanks and upright fermenters with the aid of selected yeast strains. Temperature maintained at 25 - 30°C. The wine was racked and returned once daily, followed by two pump overs per day. Matured for 15 months in French oak – 10% new.



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