

## Withington Mzoli Mandisi Merlot 2007

Medium deep purple with bright rim. Distinctly merlot on the nose with a load of ripe plum and dark cherry. Full in the mouth with ripe berry fruit flavours. Good body and lots of life on the palate. Hint of coffee in long aftertaste. Very drinkable now yet has some development potential. Easy to match with wide range of foods. - *Dave Hughes*

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : Withington Wines

**winemaker** : Negotiant

**wine of origin** : Darling

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.38 % vol **rs** : 2.3 g/l **pH** : 3.33 **ta** : 6.5 g/l

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

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

**about the harvest**: Grapes were handpicked at 24.6° B.

**in the cellar** : In the cellar the grapes were cooled down to 15° C before inducing fermentation. Pumping was done twice daily ensuring that the cap was soaked and enough skin contact was obtained. Fermentation lasted close to three weeks. Before barrel ageing the wine was allowed to complete Malolactic fermentation. This wine was kept in barrel for 8 months, 20% new wood.

