

## Vergenoegd Merlot 1998

Dense dark ruby colour with russet edge. Black plum fruit with toasted coffee and vanilla flavours. Hint of mint and violets. Rich, ripe, soft and supple tannins, good red berry plum fruit with lovely structure and super length.

**variety** : Merlot | Merlot

**winery** : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

**winemaker** : John Faure

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : alc : 12.79 % vol   rs : 2.0 g/l   pH : 3.59   ta : 6.5 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry   **wooded**

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

The South African Trophy Wine Show 2002 - Silver

1998 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*\*, Juliet Cullinham 2nd Place.

1997 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*/\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*/\*

Veritas - Silver medal

1996 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*/\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*/\*

Veritas - Gold medal

1995 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*, Veritas - Gold Medal

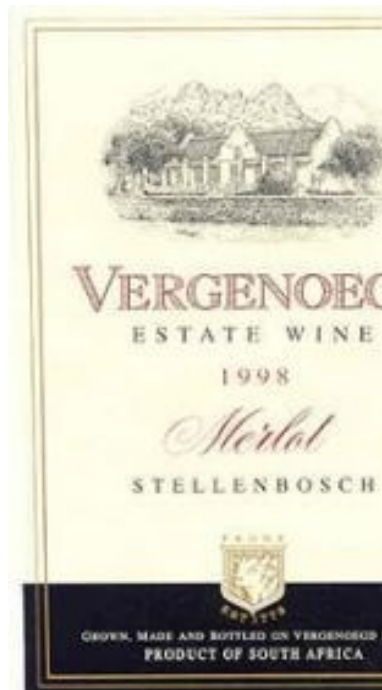
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**ageing** : A full flavoured structured wine that will mature well over the next 6-10 years.

**in the vineyard** : Planted on our more fertile alluvial vleis soils on the banks of the Eerste River, these vines grow well. They are trellised on a four wire hedge trellis system and are pruned back to two eye spurs. To restrict yield and promote light penetration for better colour, we practise an extensive summer pruning programme. The vines are twelve years old and require supplementary irrigation when necessary.

**about the harvest**: The grapes were harvested on the 16th February 1998 at 24.2° Balling.

**in the cellar** : The wine underwent 100% maturation in 225 litre new French oak barrels.

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