

Longridge Merlot 2007

2007 Michelangelo International Wine Awards - Double Gold Medal

2007 Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show - Bronze Medal (78/100)

2007 Swiss International Air Lines Wine Awards - Silver Award

Veritas 2006 - Silver

Red plum skin in colour; beautifully clear and brilliant in the glass. Subtle red berry fruit is the first impression, followed by attractive caramel, cinnamon and hints of pot-pourri and tobacco. Velvety smooth on the mouth-filling palate with juicy berry fruit supported by firm tannins and good acid.

Chicken, lamb and game dishes are recommended.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Longridge Wine Estate

winemaker : Hendrien Eloff & Clinton le Sueur

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 13.85 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 5.6 g/l va : 0.56 g/l so2 : 113 mg/l fso2 : 40 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

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ageing : Enjoy now and within 8 to 12 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : Climate

Average Temperature: Summer: 13°C - 27°C / Winter: 9°C - 19°C

Annual Rainfall: 965 mm

Proximity to Ocean: 14 km

Soil

Glen Rosa and Clovelly

Viticulture

Trellised, 10-year-old vines planted on south-facing slopes overlooking False Bay yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received no supplementary irrigation and yielded 6.5 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes from selected vineyard blocks were hand-harvested at 25.2°C Balling.

in the cellar : Meticulously sorted, gently crushed and cooled down to 10 - 12°C Celsius. Cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation. Maturation in French oak barrels broadened the flavours and added complexity and finesse. The wines from selected barrels were then blended before bottling. This wine also contains 3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.