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# Villiera Merlot 2008

The colour of the wine is a brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of cedarwood and vanilla with attractive dark berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with soft tannins and good acidity. The wine has a long finish but is drinkable at present.




**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot
**winery :** Villiera Wines
**winemaker :** Jeff Grier
**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch
**analysis :** **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.03 g/l **pH :** 3.51 **ta :** 5.53 g/l
**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

Our first Merlot was produced in 1989 and since then we have been awarded 3 Veritas Double Gold Awards (89, 90, 91) and have had two vintages selected for SAA Business Class Wine of the Month and First Class. It was also the SA Champion Young Red Wine in 1990 and a gold medal winner on the 1997 SA Young Wine Show.
1996 - Veritas Gold
1997 - Gold at the International WINE Challenge (London 1999)
1998 - 9 - Silver at the International WINE Challenge (London 2000)
2000 - Bronze at the International WINE Challenge (London 2002)
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2002 - Silver at the Michael Angelo Awards
2007 - Selected for South African Airways Premium Class

**ageing :** It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

**in the vineyard :** Villiera, a family run winery, is situated in the Stellenbosch region, where the prevailing Mediterranean climate favours, the growing of vines. We are a pioneering quality wine company committed to preserving the environment and we have been rewarded with membership to the Biodiversity of Wine Initiative.

Our aim is to reflect the specific character of the "terroir", as well as the unique characteristics of each vintage in our wines. We also commit ourselves to ongoing education and upliftment of our staff and their families.

**about the harvest:** In 2008, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness - determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity).


## Villiera Wines
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