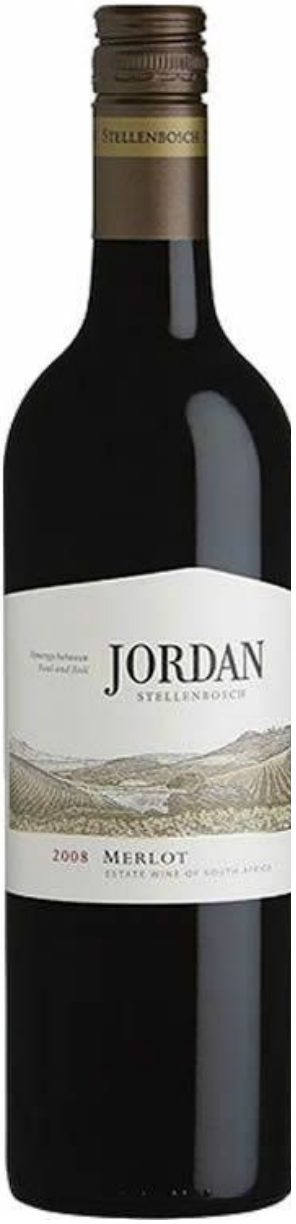
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Jordan Merlot 2008

Mature vineyards yield opulent fruit with plum, rich blackberry and mocha flavours. Framed by generously rounded tannins and spiciness from maturation in French oak, this wine is seductive from start to finish.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Jordan Wine Estate
winemaker : Gary & Kathy Jordan
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.2 g/l **pH :** 3.48 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : The Merlot was harvested from east- and west-facing 9 - 19 year old vineyards, situated on decomposed granite soils. The maturity of these vineyards ensures smaller berries with concentrated fruit flavours.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested between 3 - 19 March 2008 at 22.3 - 24.8°B.

in the cellar : Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermentors at 26 - 28°C. Pump-overs were done three times daily over the fermenting cap. A small portion received extended maceration while the remainder was pressed immediately after fermentation. The wine was racked into barrels from the second week of March where it underwent malolactic fermentation. After further racking it spent 18 months in new and second fill 225 litre French oak barrels.

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