

Bushmanspad Estate Merlot 2006

This medium- to full bodied Merlot offers lovely ripe black-berry flavours, complemented by the complexity of oak from maturation in top quality French oak barrels.

Barrels are carefully selected to enrich tannins to a structured mild character with deep tones of wood in the rich fruit, resulting in a classic combination to accompany and complement meat dishes with sophistication.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Bushmanspad Estate

winemaker : _

wine of origin : Robertson Valley

analysis : **alc** : 13.5 % vol **rs** : 2.1 g/l **pH** : 3.5 **ta** : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **body** : Medium **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : Maturation Potential: 7 - 9 years

in the cellar : Only healthy optimum ripened grapes are used, harvested early morning, to ensure the flavours are intact. The juice and skins are then pumped into a cooled stainless steel tank, to ensure all flavours of the grape are kept as well as the natural structure is intact. The grapes then undergo fermentation with specially selected yeast for 4 weeks at 20°C with regular pump-overs. The grapes are then gently pressed and transferred into new, second- and third fill French oak barrels. The wines were racked 4 times before bottling.

Wood Ageing: 15 months in top quality new-, 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels.

