

## Zonnebloem Merlot 1996

A Merlot of true varietal character. Soft blackcurrant aromas with velvety roundness harmonised by the wood.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Zonnebloem Wines

**winemaker :** Rasvan Macici

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.36 % vol    rs : 1.82 g/l    pH : 3.46    ta : 5.26 g/l

**in the cellar :** The grapes were fermented on their skins for 7 – 8 days, then racked off the skins. The press juice was then added back to add complexity. The grapes from each vineyard were separately vinified to maintain their individual characters.

After fermentation a selection was made. 74% of wines were placed in small barrels (300l) of new French oak, and 26% in stainless steel.

