

## Vergenoegd Merlot 2005

Colour: Solid, dense, vibrant ruby.

Nose: Rich, ripe raspberry and plum fruits followed by chocolate and quite prominent mint undertones - subtly enhanced by hints of spice and oak, with a mineral undertone.

Palate: Red fruits follow through from the nose, with hints of chocolate and vanilla; tannins are firm but velvety; exceptional balance between acid, tannins and fruit. Lingering aftertaste with a touch of minerality. Extremely elegant wine that depicts the distinctive terroir characters for a true Vergenoegd Merlot!

**variety** : Merlot | 92% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery** : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

**winemaker** : John Faure

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : **alc** : 14 % vol **rs** : 2.9 g/l **pH** : 3.37 **ta** : 6.2 g/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry **wooded**

**pack** : Bottle **closure** : Cork

**in the vineyard** : Planted on alluvial soils along the Eerste River, these vines grow well. They are trellised on a four wire Perold trellis system and are pruned back to two eye spurs. To restrict yield and promote light penetration for better colour, we practise an extensive summer canopy management program. The oldest vines are 16 years old and supplementary irrigation is given when necessary.

**in the cellar** : **Wood maturation**

18 - 22 months in 100% French oak barrels

1st Fill: 33%

2nd Fill: 67%



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