

## Delaire Merlot 1998

2000 to be released in June 2002

A fruit-packed bouquet and enticing palate of morello cherries and cinnamon characterise this flagship Merlot, made only in exceptional years. This is a connoisseur's wine, with complex layering of spice and soft ripeness.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Delaire Graff Estate

**winemaker :** The winemaking team

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 2.2 g/l   pH : 3.22   ta : 6.85 g/l

**type :** Red

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

Veritas 2001 - Silver



**ageing :** Will mature well over the next 5 to 15 years.

**in the vineyard :** Grapes are from low yielding old vines on Delaire's east-facing slopes, which catch the soft morning sun and afternoon shade, making for slow ripening.

**in the cellar :** Matured for 18 months in 100% new french oak. Released after 18 months in the bottle.