

## Alto Estate 1997

Deep ruby. Delicate, with aromas of cherries, violets and green peppers. A medium- to full-bodied red, well balanced and with soft tannins. Flavours of ripe cherries, some plummy fruit, and spice.

**variety** : Merlot | 65% Merlot, 24% Cabernet, 11% Shiraz

**winery** : Alto Estate

**winemaker** : Schalk van der Westhuizen

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : alc : 12.7 % vol    rs : 2.4 g/l    pH : 3.52    ta : 5.6 g/l

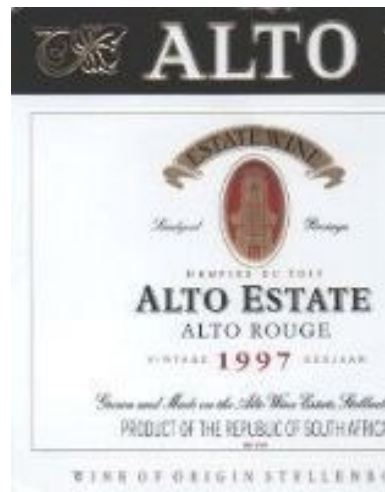
**type** : Red    **style** : Dry    **wooded**

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

**ageing** : This wine is enjoyable now, but has so much structure that it will develop even more complexity when cellared for the next 3 to 4 years.

**about the harvest**: All three grape varieties were harvested at an average Balling of 22.5° from the middle of February till the middle of March 1997.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were fermented and matured in small French oak separately and the assemblage only made prior to bottling.



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