

Ridgeback Merlot 2002

Sold Out

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Wine Magazine - 3 and a half Stars

Ripe, elegant fruit with plums. Mulberries and mocha latte oak spice. Generous, supple, yet dry tannin finish to support juicy, fruit concentrated mid palate.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Ridgeback Wines

winemaker : Cathy Marshall

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.35 % vol rs : 1.69 g/l pH : 3.80 ta : 5.66 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : These 5 year old vineyards superbly situated on Vansha Farm in Northern Agter-Paarl fully complement the attention to detail that has been given by a dedicated team headed by Jerry Parker and superbly by Paul Wallace Viticultural Consultant.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked on 8 February 2002. Bunches were healthy and harvested at optimal vine and seed ripeness.

in the cellar : Destemming without crushing.

Wholeberry component of 80% in fermenter.

Fermented in stainless steel fermenters at 26-30°C Celsius.

Pumpovers were applied twice daily to extract flavour and tannins for structure.

Mash was pressed immediately after primary fermentation was completed. Wine was gravity fed to barriques for secondary or Malo-lactic fermentation.

Wine was matured in 60% new French oak for 12 months.

