

Niel Joubert Merlot 2001

Veritas 2003 - Silver Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2003 - Silver

Very attractive ripe plum nose with fair wack of chocolate, coffee and vanilla with fine, floral backing. All repeats in the firmish mouth with addition on sweet spice. Showing an ever developing complexity.

Good all-round food wine.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Niel Joubert Wines

winemaker : Ernie Leicht

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol ta : 6.3 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Good now, but will reward another year or two bottle development.

in the vineyard : Age of Vines: 5 years

Slope and Aspect: Northern slopes of Simonsberg

Soil: Hutton

Trellis type: 5 wire vertical

Yield: 4-5 tons per hectare

Irrigation: Supplementary drip

Pruning: 2 arms cordon 4 spurs per arm

about the harvest: Date: 25th March 2001

Method: Hand harvested

Ripeness 25.0° Balling

in the cellar : Fermentation (white wines): N/a

Skin contact: 14 days

Barrel maturation: 70% French oak barrels 30% tank

