

## Niel Joubert Merlot 1998

Ripe plum and mulberry nose with lots of fruit flavours and supple tannins. Elegance and balance abound.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Niel Joubert Wines

**winemaker :** Ernie Leicht

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 12.5 % vol    ta : 5.2 g/l

**pack :** Bottle

**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:** The grapes were harvested by hand on the 23 March 1998 at 23.0Â° Baling.

**in the cellar :** The must had skin contact for 7 days

Barrel maturation: 100% French oak barrels for 18 months

