

## Rust en Vrede Estate Merlot 2000

Ruby red, packed with cherry and plum flavours, with a pervading aroma of crushed violets. Warm aromas from the maturation in wood, silky tannins well blended, pleasant lingering aftertaste. No poem was ever written by a drinker of water. (Horace 65-8B.C.). More than 2000 years later this statement remains unchallenged.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Rust en Vrede Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Louis Strydom

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol    rs : 2.6 g/l    pH : 3.58

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

**pack :** Bottle

Veritas 2001 - Silver

**in the vineyard :** Mediterranean rainfall  $\hat{A}\pm$  650mm per annum.

Vineyards situated on north facing slopes and at the end of the valley - hence slightly warmer conditions.

Deep red soils. A mixture of weathered granite and a small percentage of clay - Clovelly and Hutton structure.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested on 20 February 2000.

**in the cellar :** WE 372 yeast was used and fermentation temperature was about 28 $\hat{A}$ °C. Fermentation on the skins took place over a period of 10 days. Malolactic fermentation followed in stainless steel tanks and was completed in the barrels. The wine was left to mature for 10 months in French oak barriques.



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