

## Robert Alexander Merlot 2000

An elegant wine with a fine balance between fruit and tannins. A wine which will compliment good food or can be enjoyed as a casual wine at serious occasions.

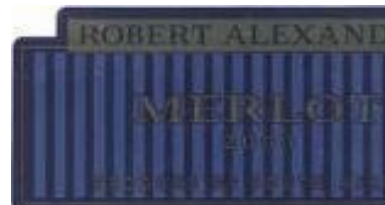
**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :**

**winemaker :** Nico van Merwe

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 2.3 g/l   pH : 3.6   ta : 6.0 g/l



**ageing :** Keep for 3 to 5 years.

**in the vineyard :** 7 year old vines from the Trawal area. Deep deep gravel with limestone. Trellised with irrigation and summer pruning for low crop. Yield of 7 tons per ha.

**in the cellar :** Fermented at 28°C for optimum fruit and flavour. Plunging and pumping over at 3 times per day and short skin contact after fermentation was allowed. Matured in 3rd fill, 225 litre French oak barrels.