

Morgenhof Estate Merlot 1999

The wine has a ruby red colour. This is a full bodied wine with flavour of cherry chocolates, prunes, cloves and coffee, which follow through on the palate and lingers in the aftertaste. As the wine ages, the fruit flavour will become more dominant. This wine will go well with most red meats prepared in a various ways. Other suggestions include rich fish, chicken casseroles, pasta dishes and cheeses.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Morgenhof Wine Estate

winemaker : Rianie Strydom

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc :** 13.73 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.55 **ta :** 5.6 g/l

pack : Bottle

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ageing : This wine will benefit by further bottle maturation in good cellar-facilities for up to 5-7 years and should reach its full potential by 2004-2006.

in the vineyard : The wine was produced from three different blocks ranging between 7 to 15 years old. These blocks are mainly on West facing slopes, but a small part is on East- and South facing slopes.

in the cellar : The wine has spent 18 months in 40% new oak and 60% in second fill barrels.

