

## Van Loveren Merlot

Lightly oaked wine with soft strawberry notes on the nose, a rich fruity palate and soft, well balanced tannins, ensuring easy drinking.

Good with stews, chargrilled chicken, venison, lamb, red meat dishes, smoked meats and flavourful cheeses.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Van Loveren Family Vineyards

**winemaker :** Bussell Retief

**wine of origin :** Robertson

**analysis :** alc : 14.06 % vol   rs : 3.2 g/l   pH : 3.65   ta : 5.12 g/l

**type :** Red   **body :** Medium   **taste :** Fruity   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 750ml   **closure :** Screwcap

2011 John Platter Guide- 3 Stars

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**ageing :** Maturation potential: 2 to 3 years

**in the vineyard :** Age of vine: 10 Years old br /Soils: Sandstone; Karoo br /Trellising: 4 Wire Perold system br /Irrigation: Drip irrigation controlled by a computer system through meters and tensiometers.

**about the harvest:** Harvested by hand.

**in the cellar :** 100% French oak staves for 6 months. Minimal intervention in the natural process of vinification, allowing the cultivar to express its individual characteristics and the soil of its origin.



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