

Devon Hill Merlot 2000

Beautiful dark red in colour this full-bodied wine has smokey plummy flavours with a velvety finish. The integrated oak undertones contribute towards a well-rounded soft wine.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Devon Hill Winery

winemaker :

wine of origin : Devon Valley

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol pH : 3.6 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

Won gold medals at both the 2001 Michelangelo International Wine Awards as well as the 2001 Juliet Cullinan Wine Masters Awards. It also won a double gold at 2001 Veritas.

in the vineyard : Climate : As the Valley lies less than 20 km from the False Bay coast; it is greatly affected by the cool south sea breezes, which prevail in the summer months. Winter brings on the moisture-laden northwest winds, which result in most of the Valley's 750 mm of annual rainfall.

Soil: Deep red, Hutton, Clovelly soils

Trellising: Hedged (Perold system)

Yield: 4 – 6 tons/ha

about the harvest: Only the best grapes were selected and harvested by hand at 24° Balling.

in the cellar : A pure yeast culture was added, during fermentation it was pumped over frequently until it was dry. After malolactic fermentation it was pumped over frequently until it was dry. After malolactic fermentation was completed the wine was racked twice before going into 225 litre French oak barrels for 12 months. The best barrels were selected and blended after which the wine was bottled without being stabilised or filtered.

