

## Drostdy Hof Merlot 2000

### Export and South Africa Only

Winemaker Coenie Snyman describes this medium-bodied wine as easy drinking and accessible even now, although it has been structured to gain complexity with maturation over the next two to three years. On the nose it shows subtle aromas of raspberry with a background note of cherry. On the palate fresh fruit berry flavours predominate.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Drostdy-Hof Wines

winemaker : Coenie Snyman

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.62 % vol    rs : 4.8 g/l    pH : 3.63    ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red      wooded

pack : Bottle

**in the vineyard :** The grapes for this wine were sourced from Stellenbosch, Malmesbury, as well as Worcester and Robertson.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 23.5<sup>th</sup> Balling when both fruit and tannins were ripe.

**in the cellar :** The juice was fermented for five days on the skins and after pressing, fermentation was continued without the skins. Once malolactic fermentation had been induced, the wine was matured in a combination of new, second-fill and third-fill French oak.

