

Vergenoegd Reserve 1998

Vergenoegd Reserve is the flagship wine of the Estate. It is a blend in the Bordeaux style using three noble grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon for structure and body, Merlot for fruit and richness and Cabernet Franc for softness. Rich, almost inky in colour with a dark russet edge. The nose offers vanilla and cedar wood aromas with dark berries and plums and hints of dark chocolate and mint. The flavours are well structured and balanced, full bodied with an elegant and lasting finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

winery : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

winemaker : John Faure

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol pH : 3.51 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Michelangelo International Wine Award 2002 - Silver

1998 Vintage: John Platter - 4 stars, Wine Magazine - 3 stars

1997 Vintage: John Platter - 3.5 stars, Wine Magazine - 3 stars

1996 Vintage: John Platter - 4 stars, Wine Magazine - 3.5 stars, Veritas - Gold medal

1995 Vintage: John Platter - 4.5 stars, Wine Magazine - 4 stars, Veritas - Gold Medal

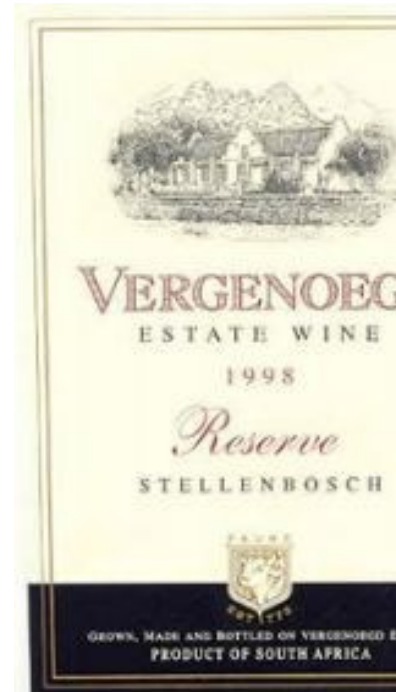
1994 Vintage: John Platter - 4 stars, Wine Magazine - 3 stars, Veritas - Silver Medal

1993 Vintage: John Platter - 4 stars, Veritas - Silver Medal

1992 Vintage: John Platter - 4 stars, Wine Magazine - 4 stars

1991 Vintage: John Platter - Pick of the bunch

1990 Vintage: John Platter - Pick of the bunch, Wine Magazine - 4 stars, Veritas - Double Gold Medal



in the vineyard : The Reserve is Vergenoegd's flagship wine and is a classical Bordeaux blend comprising of Cabernet Sauvignon (for structure & body), Merlot (fruit and richness) and Cabernet Franc (softness) The vines are planted in a mixture of fertile alluvial soils along the banks of the Eerste River and a more marginal sandy soil on a clay and calcareous base. All vineyards can be irrigated to enable the grapes to fully ripen without being under stress. The estates vineyards also benefit from the cooling South Easterly winds blowing from across False Bay a mere 3km from Vergenoegd.

about the harvest: The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested on the 10/03/1998 at 23.8° Balling.

The Merlot grapes were harvested on the 16/02/1998 at 24.2° Balling.

The Cabernet Franc grapes were harvested on the 06/03/1998 at 23.5° Balling.

in the cellar : The wine underwent 100% maturation in 225l French oak barrels, 80% New Barrels and 20% 2nd Fill.

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