

## Vergenoegd Shiraz 1998

Deep purple, almost black in colour with garnet edge. Mulberries, violets, pepper and spice with vanilla and mint on the nose. Rich berry fruits with supple chewy game flavours backed by gentle tannins and a fine lasting finish.

**variety :** Shiraz | Shiraz

**winery :** Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

**winemaker :** John Faure

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 12.79 % vol    rs : 2.0 g/l    pH : 3.59    ta : 6.5 g/l

**type :** Red

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

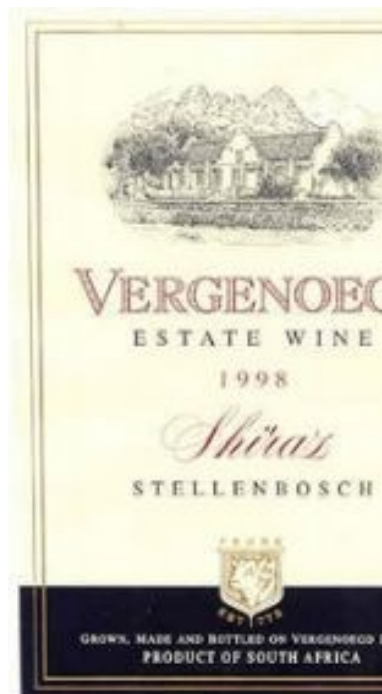
1998 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*  
1997 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*\*  
1996 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*, Veritas - Silver medal  
1995 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*, Veritas - Silver Medal  
1994 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*, Wine Magazine - \*\*\*  
Veritas - Silver medal  
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1991 Vintage: Veritas - Silver Medal  
1990 Vintage: John Platter - \*\*\*/\*, Veritas - Gold Medal

**ageing :** Well structured elegant wine that will continue to develop for the next 8 to 12 years.

**in the vineyard :** The wine is made from 23 year old vines grown on a single wire trellis system. The soil is sandy over a deep yellow clay base, restricting yield naturally, thus providing good quality grapes that ripen easily without losing too much of their natural acid. Irrigation is supplied in very dry summers, thus enabling the grapes to ripen easily without placing undue stress on the vines. 8% Shiraz of the 1998 vintage added from a young, very promising vineyard.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested on the 23/02/1998 at 24<sup>Å</sup> Balling.

**in the cellar :** The wine underwent maturation in 100% French 225 litre barrels. The wine was bottled on 14/01/2000.



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