

Devon Hill Merlot 2001

Michelangelo International Wine Award 2002 - Silver

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

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Devon Hill Winery

winemaker : Theo Brink

wine of origin : Devon Valley

analysis : alc : 13.9 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2003 - Bronze

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Veritas 2002 - Silver

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Previous vintage won gold medals at both the 2001 Michelangelo International Wine Awards and the 2001 Juliet Cullinan Wine Masters Awards. It was also awarded with a Veritas double gold in 2001.

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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°C 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 raked twice before going into 225 litre French oak barrels for 12 months.