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Devon Hill Bluebird 2001



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A big, complex wine with spicy, cassis and choc tones, ripe fruit flavours and a lingering finish.

Delicious with beef roasts, oxtail & creamy pasta dishes.

variety : Merlot | 58% Merlot, 17% Pinotage, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Devon Hill Winery
winemaker : Theo Brink
wine of origin : Devon Valley
analysis : **alc :** 13.85 % vol **rs :** 2.3 g/l **pH :** 3.36 **ta :** 6.0 g/l
type : Red **wooded**
pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : 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 Valleyâ€™s 750 mm of annual rainfall.
Soil: Deep red, Hutton, Clovelly soils
Trellising: Hedged (Perold system)

about the harvest: Hand selected grapes were harvested at 24Â° Balling.
Yield: 4 â€“ 6 tons / ha

in the cellar : Fermentation took place at 28Â°C, with frequent pump-over until dry. After malolactic fermentation, the wine had two rackings before it was matured in French & American oak barrels for 12 months. Only the best barrels were selected for the blending of Merlot (73%), Pinotage (17%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (10%).