

## Brampton Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2001

A wine of outstanding quality and character. Deep purple, black hues and dark edges indicative of good extraction and ripeness. The aromas are complex and continually evolve in the glass. Initially sweet black fruit such as dark cherries, plums and hints of cassis, which are interwoven with subtle oak aromas of vanilla, toffee and treacle. Prodigious ripe fruit dominate the palate. A firm tannin structure is balanced with delicious sweetness. This wine will gain complexity during further bottle maturation.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

**winery :** Brampton Wines

**winemaker :** Adi Badenhorst

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.98 % vol   rs : 2.0 g/l   pH : 3.51   ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red

**pack :** Bottle

4 Stars - John Platter Wine Guide 2003

87 Points - Wine Spectator 15 December 2002

Silver medal "International Wine Challenge 2003

85 Points - USA's Robert Parker in his "The Wine Advocate"

**ageing :** 4 - 6 years from the vintage date.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested in February and March 2001.

Yield: 6.5 tons/ha

**in the cellar :** Superb, ripe fruit from selected vineyards was hand-picked and sorted before being crushed and destemmed. Primary fermentation took place in Stainless Steel, using traditional vinification techniques such as aerative pumpovers and minimal interference from the winemaking team. Malolactic fermentation resulted in a complete and seamless oak integration with the fruit. Maturation was completed after 15 months in barrel and was followed by egg white fining and rough filtration, hence the wine might throw a slight deposit which is an entirely natural. Oak used: 20% new American oak and 80% 2nd fill French oak.

