

## Ruitersvlei Merlot 2002

**To be released in 2003**

This Merlot is seen as an "easier version" of Cabernet Sauvignon, it is a serious, age worthy wine. In the nose as well as taste, this wine has irresistible charming ripe blackberry flesh, venison/roast coffee scents.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Ruitersvlei Wines

winemaker : Hein Hesebeck

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.77 % vol rs : 4.2 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.4 g/l va : 0.49 g/l

pack : Bottle

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2003 - Bronze  
Veritas 2002 - Silver

ageing : To be enjoyed within the next 10 years.

in the cellar : After 3 days skin-fermentation the wine was taken away from the skins, and fermentation was completed with 3g/l French Oak Staves. The wine stayed for 5 months on the Staves before it was stabilized and bottled.

