

Stellekaya Merlot 2000

Inspired by Aldebaran in Taurus

Intense Colour. Lovely berry fruit on the nose which followed through onto the palate. Some complexity with liquorice and mintiness. Dry Tannins and integrated wood. A very accessible wine that is fruity yet classic in style.

variety : Merlot | Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Peet le Roux

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.4 % vol rs : 1.4 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 6.08 g/l va : 0.63 g/l so2 : 90 mg/l fso2 : 20 mg/l

type : Red wooded

pack : Bottle

Veritas 2002 - Bronze

John Platter 2003 - 4 Stars

ageing : 5-8 Years

in the vineyard : Situation: South West Slopes of Stellenbosch Berg

Altitude: 220-240m

Soil Type: Tukululu (Decomposed Granite)

Age of Vines: 8 Years

Irrigation: Supplemental

Climate: Cool False Bay evening breezes

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked at about 25° Balling and the yield was about 8 tons per hectare after cropping was done in January.

in the cellar : Fermentation: Open Micro Fermenters

Pressing: Basket Press

Malolactic Fermentation: In the Barrel

Maturation: 20 Months in New French Oak

This wine was bottled in November 2001.

