

## Bay View Merlot 2000

Deep, juicy red fruit and subtle oak spice on the nose. Full, ripe palate with a firm but abundant tapestry of raspberries, plums and gentle vanilla, woven together with subtle ripe tannins.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Longridge Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Ben Radford

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 13.6 % vol   rs : 3.2 g/l   pH : 3.60   ta : 5.2 g/l

**type :** Red



**in the vineyard :** Soil Type: Hutton, Clovelly & Oakleaf

Climate: A second winter of unusually warm, dry conditions brought vines on early. A cool snap at flowering led to vastly lower yields in early-ripening varieties while yielding excellent quality.

Cases produced: 5 277 x 12

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested at 24.6° Balling. The grapes for this Merlot were selected from 10-year-old vines perched on the south-western slopes of the Stellenbosch mountains.

**in the cellar :** Grapes were destemmed, crushed and underwent cold maceration for 3 days before fermentation. 70% was fermented in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels for 11 months and 30% was fermented in stainless steel tanks. The barrel components underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel. Fining and minimal filtration prior to bottling.