

Bay View Merlot 2001

Ripe, juicy red fruit with a hint of mintiness 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

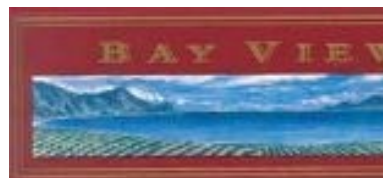
winery : Longridge Wine Estate

winemaker : Christo Versfeld

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 2 days before fermentation. 60% was fermented in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels for 11 months and 40% was fermented in stainless steel tanks. The barrel and tank components underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel. Egg white fining and minimal filtration prior to bottling.