

## DeWaal Merlot 2000

This wine is produced from a single vineyard.

Ripe plum and cherry flavours with a peppery undertone. A rich and elegant Merlot that will benefit from time in the bottle.

**variety** : Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery** : De Waal Wines

**winemaker** : Daniël de Waal

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 13.0 % vol   rs : 2.1 g/l   pH : 3.6   ta : 6.7 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry   **body** : Full   **wooded**

**pack** : Bottle

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Uiterwyk Wine Estate was one of the first producers of Merlot in South Africa. The 1984 was the maiden vintage and was considered such good quality that it was chosen to be served to the first class passengers of South African Airways in 1986.

**ageing** : 10 - 15 years.

**in the vineyard** : Location: Lower down on the south facing slopes

Soil Type: Gravel & clay

Age of Vines: 18 years

Rootstock: R 99

Trellising: 3-wire hedge

**about the harvest**: Harvest Date: 28 January 2000

Sugar level at Harvest: 24°B

Yield: 7.5 tons / hectare

**in the cellar** : Length of Fermentation: 14 days

Cellar Barrel Maturation: 19 months 225-litre French barriques (30% new, 70% second fill)

Bottling Date: May 2003

Production: 500 cases

Market Release Date: Winter 2003

