

Spice Route Flagship Merlot 2000

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International Wine and Spirits Competition 2002 - Silver
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Colour: Deep crimson red
Aroma: Dark Chocolate and plums
Palate: Firm structures sumptuous fruit

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Spice Route Winery
winemaker : Charl du Plessis
wine of origin : Swartland
analysis : alc : 14.9 % vol rs : 3.05 g/l pH : 3.39 ta : 5.75 g/l
type : Red
pack : Bottle

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ageing : Drink within 3-5 years.

in the vineyard : Flagship Merlot is harvested from cordon pruned vines at Rheebokfontein in Malmesbury. Vines are on South facing slope, at an altitude of about 150m above sea level. Sea breezes cool the area down at night. The soils on this farm is red ferric Oakleaf. Suitable for dry-land viticulture as they hold moisture well. The yields of these 10-year-old vines was 7tons/ ha in 2000. Fruit is small and concentrated in flavour and colour.

about the harvest: Harvest date: February 2000

in the cellar : Fermentation has started in stainless steel tanks being pressed off to complete fermentation and malolactic in barrel. Wine was in French oak barrels for 16 months to give it a classic feel and then bottled without filtration.