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Cathedral Cellar Merlot 1999

Dark garnet red in the glass. Strong, clean cedarwood spiciness. Smooth & polished with a supple plum, coffee and cherry flavour that's well focused. Tannins are round & fleshy, firming up on the finish. Cellaring should give it softer edges.

Complements most red meats: fillet steak, beef sirloin, rack of ribs, casseroles, pecking duck.



variety : Merlot | Merlot
winery : KWV Classic Collection
winemaker : The Winemaking Team
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** Dry g/l **pH :** 3.4 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **wooded**

in the vineyard : Climate: Mediterranean - The summers are moderate and dry with cold, wet winters. The rainfall is approximately 600 - 700 mm per annum.
Soil: Deep red hutton and clovelly
Trellising: Hedged.
Yield: 6 - 8 tons/ha

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at full ripe stage of 24Â° Balling.

in the cellar : The must was inoculated with a pure yeast strain and fermented on the skins until dry. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at temperatures of 28-32Â°C after which the juice was pressed and allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged in oak barrels for 26 months before being blended and bottled.