

Stellekaya Merlot 2001

Inspired by Aldebaran in Taurus

Attractive violet aroma. Good structure with fresh fruitiness. Silky and earthy on the finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Peet le Roux

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.3 % vol rs : 2.12 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 6.14 g/l va : 0.59 g/l so2 :
110 mg/l fso2 : 28 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle

ageing : 5 - 8 years

in the vineyard : Situation: South West slopes of Stellenbosch Berg

Altitude: 220-240m

Soil type: Tukulu (Decomposed Granite)

Age of Vines: 9 years

Irrigation: Supplemental

Climate: Cool False bay evening breezes

about the harvest: Grapes were hand picked at about 25° Balling and yield was about 8 tonnes per ha after cropping was done in March.

in the cellar : Fermentation: Open micro fermenters

Pressing: Basket press

Malolactic fermentation: In the barrel

Maturation: 22 months in new French Oak

Bottled: January 2003

Release: July 2003

