

Spier Private Collection Merlot 2001

Grand D'Or - Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2004

Veritas 2003 - Silver

Platter Wine Guide 2004 - 4 Stars

Monde Selection 2004 - Gold

International Wine Challenge 2004 - Silver

The wine is deep ruby red with wild berry, mint and ripe plum flavours and hints of vanilla. A full-bodied, mouth-filling wine, well supported by ripe tannins.

Serve with spicy red meat dishes such as curry.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Frans Smit

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.14 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Enjoy now, or within 3 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : Average temperature - Summer 23.5Å°C, Winter 10Å°C

Annual rainfall: 650 mm

Proximity to ocean: 20 km

Soil: Deep Hutton

9-year-old, trellised (single-wire, Perold) vines planted on northwest-facing slopes yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received 2 supplementary irrigations during this vintage and produced 7 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: The grapes were picked at 25Å° Balling in mid-February.

in the cellar : Fermentation in stainless steel tanks was followed by malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels. The wine spent 14 months in French oak barrels.



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