

## Dellrust Three Vines 2001

Veritas 2003 - Bronze

**Three of the best in One! - New Dellrust Blend**

The result of this unique combination is a wine with three of the best characteristics typical from our Cape vineyards. Full ripe flavours with sweet cherries on the back palate.

**variety :** Merlot | 40% Merlot, 33% Pinotage, 27% Shiraz

**winery :** Dellrust Wines

**winemaker :** Albert Bredell

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 2.8 g/l   pH : 3.5   ta : 5.7 g/l

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

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**ageing :** Recommended maturation of 3-5 years from vintage.

**in the vineyard :** Specially selected grapes from our Merlot-, Pinotage- and Shiraz vineyards were vinified separately to enhance cultivar characteristics. These wines were fermented in different steel tanks, each with different styles and techniques.

### **Merlot**

The Merlot was made from the 'MO 36' clone

### **Pinotage**

The Pinotage was selected from the same batch as the Pinotage 2001 that we used for our single bottled range.

### **Shiraz**

The Shiraz was selected from a 5-year-old trellised vineyard.

### **in the cellar : Merlot**

After crushing the grapes, the mash was fermented in closed stainless steel tanks and left on the skins for 7 days until dry. Malolactic fermentation of this Merlot was done partly in 2nd fill 300ltr barrels and partly in stainless steel tanks.

### **Shiraz**

The grapes were crushed and the mash underwent 48 hours of cold soak before fermentation started. The wine was also left on skins until completely dry and then separated from the skins to complete malolactic fermentation in 225ltr 2nd and 3rd fill American oak barrels.

After all three wines completed malolactic fermentation, the wines were racked from the barrels and selected from the different tanks.

A total of 10800 litres were made up and went back into only 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels (300 ltr). After 10 months in oak the wine was racked and prepared for bottling.

Production = 1200 cases.