

Vergenoegd Merlot 2000

Veritas 2003 - Double Gold

Deep plum with fresh lively plum hues. Aromas of violets and berry fruit with slight chocolate mintiness and dusty oak. Rich weighty plum fruit on the plate. Good oak/fruit balance with traces of smoked meat on lengthy aftertaste.

variety : Merlot | 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

winery : Vergenoegd Löw The Wine Estate

winemaker : John Faure

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.31 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2000 Vintage - Veritas 2003 - Double Gold, John Platter - ****, Wine Magazine - *** (*)

1999 Vintage - John Platter - ****, Veritas Double Gold Medal

1998 Vintage - John Platter - ****, Wine Magazine

1997 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*), Wine Magazine - ***(*), Veritas Silver Medal

1996 Vintage - John Platter - ***(*), Wine Magazine - ***(*), Veritas Gold Medal

1995 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal

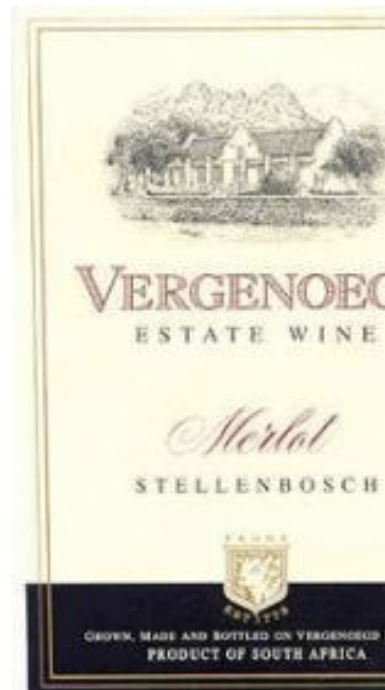
1994 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Wine Magazine - ***

1993 Vintage - John Platter - ***

1992 Vintage - John Platter - ***

1991 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal

1990 Vintage - John Platter - ***, Veritas Gold Medal



in the vineyard : Planted on more fertile alluvial vleis along the banks of the Eerste River, these vines grow well. They are trellised on a four wire hedge trellis system and are pruned back to two eye spurs. To restrict yield and promote light penetration for better colour, we practise an extensive summer pruning programme. The vines are 14 years old and supplementary irrigation is given when necessary.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested on 21/03/2000 at 24,8° Balling

in the cellar : Maturation: 22 months in French barrels, 45% 1st Fill French 300 liter barrels, 55% 1st Fill French 225 liter barrels

Bottling Date: 24/06/2002

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