

## Villiera Merlot 2001

The colour of the wine is a brilliant red. The aroma shows hints of cedarwood and vanilla with attractive berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with soft tannins and good acidity.

**variety :** Merlot | Merlot

**winery :** Villiera Wines

**winemaker :** Jeff Grier

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 5.6 g/l

**type :** Red      **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

Previous Awards:

2001 - International Wine Challenge, 2003, Bronze Medal  
2000 - International Wine and Spirit Competition, 2002, Bronze Medal  
2000 - International Wine Challenge, 2002, Bronze Medal  
2000 - International Michelangelo Awards, 2002, Silver Medal  
1999 - International Wine Challenge, 2001, Silver Medal  
1999 - JOHN PLATTER Wine Guide, 2002, 4 Stars  
1998 - International Wine Challenge, 2000, Silver Medal  
1998 - Veritas, 2000, Silver Medal  
1998 - SA Trophy Wine Show, 2002, Bronze Medal  
1998 - Basel Wine Fair (Switzerland), 2000, Gold Medal  
1997 - Expovena (Zurich), 1999, Gold Medal  
1997 - International Wine Challenge, 1999, Gold Medal  
1997 - International Wine and Spirit Competition, 1999, Silver Medal  
1996 - International Wine Challenge, 1997, Bronze Medal  
1996 - Veritas, 1997, Gold Medal  
1994 - Veritas, 1996, Silver Medal

**ageing :** The wine has a long finish but is drinkable at present. It will however mature for up to six years from vintage.

**in the cellar :** In 2001, good, healthy fruit was picked at optimum ripeness - determined by aroma assessment (i.e. maximum fruit intensity). The wine was fermented between 20 & 25°C with 20 % whole berries, 60 % of which were presoaked for 4 days. Oak maturation: 35% centre of France new tight grain barrels. 50% used French oak barrels. 15% used American white oak barrels

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