

## Overgaauw Merlot 2001

John Platter - 4½ stars

**Overgaauw Merlot was the first wine of this variety bottled in South Africa.**

A deep red, soft structured wine with full cherry/raspberry aromas and a touch of mint. Cabernet Sauvignon was blended to the Merlot to give a warmer palate. With bottle maturation, its velvety character will improve even further.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Overgaauw Estate

**winemaker :** Chris Joubert

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.7 % vol    rs : 3.3 g/l    pH : 3.37    ta : 6.3 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

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**ageing :** The wine will benefit by 3 years bottle maturation. Ageing potential: 5 years from vintage.

**in the vineyard :** Age of Vineyards: 20 Years

**about the harvest:** Harvest Date: February 2001

Yield: 8 tonnes/ha

Sugar level at harvest: 24.8° Balling

**in the cellar :** Length of fermentation: 14 - 21 days skin contact.

Matured in 100% French oak barrels, 18 months in 2nd fill 225L barrels, 18 months in new 225L barrels.

Bottled in December 2002.