

Devon Hill Merlot 2002

Veritas 2003 - Bronze

This is a full-bodied wine with ripe berry and cherry flavours and a whiff of coffee. Ruby red in colour and well balanced.

Serve with mushrooms, chicken pie, ratatouille or stews.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Devon Hill Winery

winemaker : Theo Brink

wine of origin : Devon Valley

analysis : alc : 14.11 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : As the Valley lies less than 20km from the False Bay coast, it is greatly affected by the cool south sea breezes, which prevail in the summer months. Winter brings on the moisture-laden northwest winds, which result in most of the Valley's 750 mm of annual rainfall.

Soil: Deep red, decomposed Granite soil.

Trellising: Hedged (Perold system).

about the harvest: Yield: 4 - 6 tonnes / ha

in the cellar : Only the best grapes were selected and harvested by hand at 24Â°B.

The juice was fermented at 25 â€" 28Â°C until dry.

After malolactic fermentation was completed, the wine was racked twice before matured in 300L French oak barrels (2/3 New, 1/3 2nd-fill) for 12 months.

Production: 4 800 X 750ml.