

Rijk's Private Cellar Merlot 2001

Oak smoothly integrated into sweet raspberry, tangy black cherry with hints of mint. Great intensity, compact structure, significant ripe tannins. Stunning maturation potential.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Rijks Wine Estate

winemaker : Pierre Wahl

wine of origin : Tulbagh

analysis : **alc** : 14.26 % vol **rs** : 1.8 g/l **pH** : 3.72 **ta** : 6.3 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Huge **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

- SA Young Wine Show 2001 - Gold
- International Wine Challenge 2005 - Seal of Approval

ageing : For 10 years from bottling date.

in the vineyard : Vines: Four single vineyard blocks with a total area of 2.83 ha

Clone: 36A/192

Trellis: Double Cordon

about the harvest: Harvest Date: 8, 9 & 12 February 2001

Yield: 19.24 Tons @ 6.8 Tons / ha

in the cellar : Night harvested and hand-picked. Colad soaked for 48 hours. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. Maturation took place for 18 months in 60% new & 40% 2nd-fill French oak barrels.

Bottling Date: October 2002.



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