

Stellekaya Merlot 2002

Inspired by the brightest star in Taurus, the 'giant red', Aldebaran, known as the 'eye of the bull'.
Has chocolate-mint tones and Merlot's trademark fleshy roundness, underpinned by enough oak to support additional maturation.

Its amenable character will make it a good match for most food, including white meat and poultry.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Stellekaya Winery

winemaker : Peet le Roux

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.3 % vol rs : 2.42 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 6.33 g/l va : 0.68 g/l so2 : 99 mg/l fso2 : 13 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle

Stellekaya is a family-owned boutique wine cellar, that hand crafts wines from carefully selected vineyards in the Stellenbosch region of the Cape of Good Hope.

ageing : 5 - 8 years.

in the vineyard : Situation: South slopes of Stellenboschberg

Altitude: 180 metres

Soil Type: Tukulu (Decomposed Granite)

Age of Vines: 10 Years

Irrigation: Dry land

Climate: Cool False Bay evening breezes

about the harvest: The late summer was very hot. The grapes were hand picked at full ripeness in the second half of March 2002. The yield was about 7 tonnes / ha.

in the cellar : Maceration: Cold Soaked for 2 days

Fermentation: Open micro fermenters

Pressing: Basket press

Malolactic fermentation: In the barrel

Maturation: 22 months in French oak - 25% New

Bottled: January 2004

