

## L Avenir L'Ami Simon 1997

Ripe blackberry with tobacco and green pepper nose. Judicious oaking enhances the soft fruity character of the Merlot. Soft, ripe tannins, typical of the vintage, give a long smooth aftertaste.

**variety :** Merlot | 58% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** L'Avenir Vineyards

**winemaker :** Francois Naude

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.56 % vol    rs : 1.8 g/l    pH : 3.71    ta : 5.5 g/l

**pack :** Bottle

**in the vineyard :** Soil Type: Glenrosa

Irrigation: Dry land

Age of vines: 9 - 32 years

**about the harvest:** Yield: 5 - 10 tonnes/ha

The Merlot was harvested on 28 February 1997 and the Cabernet Sauvignon on 18 March 1997.

**in the cellar :** Matured for 1 year in small French oak barrels, before bottling via a course filtration.

