

Morgenhof Estate Merlot Reserve 2001

The wine has a dark garnet red colour. This wine is full-bodied and powerful. It reminds a bit of a St Emilion wine. The nose has all the essential flavours, i.e. meaty, fruitcake, cherry chocolates and spice. Even though the palate is very full-bodied the tannins are soft and smooth with a powerful explosion of flavours of red cherries, spice and mocha. The wood flavour on the nose and on the palate is very subtle.

Enjoy this wine with special friends and people that have a passion for Merlot.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Morgenhof Wine Estate

winemaker : Rianie Strydom

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc** : 14.96 % vol **rs** : 3.3 g/l **pH** : 3.56 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2004 - Bronze

ageing : This wine will benefit by further bottle maturation in good cellar-facilities for 8-10 years and should reach its full potential by 2009-2011.

in the vineyard : This wine was quite a surprise to come out of a young block of Merlot which was in its second year of production. I have to add that this block is planted next to the block that produced the previous two reserves that we bottled.

in the cellar : The wine has been in 100% new French oak barrels for 18 months.

