



## DEAKIN ESTATE

### Deakin Estate 2003 Merlot

**Region:**

The fruit for this wine was harvested in late March from our Deakin Estate vineyard in Red Cliffs, North West Victoria.

**Vinification:**

Our Merlot fruit is handled gently to extract the softest tannins and then put through a slow maturation to add oak complexities before blending.

**Grape Variety:**

100% Merlot

**Winemakers Comments: Phil Spillman**

**Colour:**

Medium mature red

**Nose:**

Plum jam and coffee aromas with nuances of cherry and chocolate.

**Palate:**

Mature flavours of berry-fruit preserves, coffee and chocolate on a silky smooth palate.

**Wine Specifications:**

Alc/Vol: 14%

pH: 3.44

Acidity: 6.4g/l

**Cellaring Potential:**

It has developed some nice aged notes and will continue to drink well until at least the end of 2007

**Ideal Food Matches:**

Pasta dishes with Olive oil, sun dried tomatoes and black olives (for a start), a good lasagne or even a goulash.

