



## DEAKIN ESTATE

### Deakin Estate 2004 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 red

**Nose:**

Coffee and wet forest floor aromas with blackcurrant and cinnamon. These are wild and complex aromas and a precise description is elusive.

**Palate:**

Mature berry-fruit flavours with coffee and sweet pastry nuances.

**Wine Specifications:**

**Alc/Vol:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.5

**Acidity:** 6.3g/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:**

Gourmet pizza with good salami and black olives or something more gamey like char-grilled quail.

