



PREVIOUS VINTAGES:

2005 Trophy for Best Merlot in the World
(IWSC, England)

2004 Earned Carl Schultz Winemaker of the Year Award
(Diners Club, RSA)

**THIS YEAR, AT THE INTERNATIONAL WINE
& SPIRITS COMPETITION IN ENGLAND,
OUR 2005 MERLOT WON THE TROPHY FOR
BEST MERLOT IN THE WORLD.**

Enough said?

Name:	Merlot
Vintage:	2006
Awards:	Still to be tasted
Production:	2 700 cases
Barrel Ageing:	17 months in 60% new, and 40% second fill French oak
Maturation:	Up to 6 years from vintage
Alcohol:	14.26 % by volume
Residual Sugar:	2.26 g/l
Total Acid:	5.87 g/l
PH:	3.56
Food Matching:	Game, lamb and beef dishes of all kinds.

Tasting Note: A silky and elegant food wine, with lingering flavours suggesting roasted spice, prosciutto, and orchards of plum. This year, the IWSC in England adjudged Hartenberg's 2005 Merlot to be the finest example of this cultivar in the world.

Independent Tasting Note: "Luxurious bouquet of sugared plums and hints of iodine lead to a composed palate. With deep-veined tannins/succulent fruit, built for the long haul."
- Platters (2008)



*Winemaker,
Carl Schultz,
individually tasting
and hand-selecting
bunches for his
2006 Merlot.*

It's a good thing you don't have to understand wine, to enjoy it.

Here's what went on, anyway, before this Merlot was poured into its bottle:

Five different clones were used in this vintage, with each vineyard specifically selected. Each bunch of grapes was hand-picked early in the morning, before dawn.

The grapes were cold soaked for 2 days, then the juice inoculated with a French-sourced yeast. The must was fermented between 24 and 26° Celsius and pumped over four times daily, followed by an extended maceration for ten days, and a fractional pressing. (Free run and some press juice was only blended at a later stage).

After settling, the wine went into 100% new French oak for malolactic fermentation.

If you're a little confused, what this means is that the guys who make this are all a little bit nuts – cuckoo - for good wine, and they won't let anyone or anything get in the way of making the very best that anyone has to offer. In the world. In fact, the universe.

And that means, when you see the name "Hartenberg" on any bottle of wine, you don't need to know anything else. Except where to find the corkscrew.

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