



KIKA 2009 STELLENBOSCH NOBLE LATE HARVEST



WINEMAKING NOTE: This is a Noble Late Harvest made from 100% Chenin blanc.

We do up to three pickings, selecting only bunches which are perfectly infected with Noble Rot. The grapes were picked at a sugar of around 40 brix and an acidity of 10 g/l.

The grapes were delivered to the winery and put directly into cold storage overnight to drop the temperature of the grapes down to around 4 degrees Celsius. The grapes were then hand sorted and loaded into a basket press where they were foot trodden to maximise extraction. After pressing, the juice was settled and racked to barrel where fermentation took place naturally, taking 3 months to complete. The fermentation stopped naturally at a perfect balance of sweetness, acidity and alcohol.

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: The wine has a brilliant golden straw colour with an amber hue and flecks of green.

NOSE: This is an intense wine with complex aromas of dried apricot, peach and hints of ginger-spice and cinnamon. There are hints of roasted almonds and pine nuts.

PALATE: The palate is rich and ripe with intense flavours which mirror the aromas on the nose. The beautiful thing about this wine is its balance, which is perfectly poised between the fresh brioche and stone fruit with a freshness that lingers on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING: Fresh pan seared Foie Gras or Foie gras pâté served on crostini and herb salad; Or served with a dessert of crêpes with an orange sauce; Or ripe hard cheese and nuts.

MATURATION: To be enjoyed immediately after release but will benefit with cellaring for up to 5 years from harvest.

PRODUCTION: 2000 bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.58
- TA: 8.6 g/l
- RS: 169 g/l
- Alc: 11.5% by vol.

AWARDS

- 4½ Stars by Platter's Wine Guide 2011
- 94 Points The Wine Advocate – Neal Martin - 2011
- 3½ Stars by Wine Magazine June 2010
- 91 Points Wine Spectator 2010

VITICULTURE | AREA: STELLENBOSCH, ON THE BOTTOM SLOPES OF THE SIMONSBERG

Altitude:	Aspect:	Row direction:	Planted in:	Soil Type:	Training:	Pruning:	Irrigation:	Plant Density:	Cropping:
200m	Northwest	NA	1978	Decomposed shale	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	Supplemental	4000 vines per hectare (1m x 2.5m spacing)	3 tons/ha or 12 hl/ha