

the fifth taste of yummy and delicious, a feeling of perfect balance and quality

......like a woman or perhaps a first honeymoon night......lots of promise.....chocolate, cherry marzipan at the very end, and then the flavours are there all at once......I always get Christmas cake, sweet soaked fruit, not so spicy......Durbanville liquorice......still a heck-of-anice wine, all elegance and multi-layer stuff......lovely concentrate of cassis

When we make the Calligraphy, we have a blank canvas every year with just 2 (sort-of) rules ONE at least 30% cabernet franc for the signature spicy, forest floor-ness and TWO a relatively low cabernet component which differentiates it from other blends (except the one's who've copied us).

.....2002 was a very difficult red year because of the intense heat in February after a relatively cool, though very dry, summer...the merlot and cabernet crops were way down and we battled to ripen the cab leaving it to hang until the end of April. This year our blend is back to the usual of around a third of each cultivar with a touch of 2003 merlot included to freshen up the fruit.

PEDIGREE

- 1997 Veritas gold medal
- 1998 Veritas gold medal National Young Wine Show - gold medal & class winner (Stell.) Wine magazine - 3 star rating
- 1999 Veritas gold medal Wine magazine - 4½ star rating
- 2000 National Young Wine Show gold medals Michealangelo International - silver medal Wine magazine - 4 star rating
- 2001 Platters 4 stars

## **TECHNICAL**

CULTIVAR: 35% merlot; 35% cab 30% cab franc SOIL TYPE: mixed ROOT STOCK: R99 VINE AGE: 8yrs DENSITY: 2400/ha TRELLISING: 3 wire perold PRUNING: short bearer, cordon YIELD: av 6 tonnes/ha WOOD: french, 30% 1st fill

## <u>ANALYSIS</u>

ALC: 14.0% SUGAR: 2.6g/l ACID: 5.9g/l pH: 3.59

We hand make each wine with love, care and an uncompromising approach towards quality.

We seek to accentuate the beautiful fruit-structure created in our vineyards. Then, we gently use wood that complements but never overawes this precious gift.

Although we are best known for our bold and distinctive sauvignon blanc and semillon wines, our dedication to elegance and balance in our reds now also has an illustrious following.

