

RIETVALLEI

WINE ESTATE

CLASSIC COLLECTION

Rietvallei Red Muscadel 2018

VITICULTURE

The Red Muscadel vines are 13 - 44 years old. The vineyards are established in red Karoo, as well as deep alluvial soils.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested by hand at 27 - 29 °Balling (Brix), crushed and taken to open concrete red wine fermenters. Here it is kept on the skins for two to three days for colour and flavour extraction. During this time, the cap is soaked every two hours by manual punch-down and pump-overs. As soon as alcoholic fermentation starts naturally, the free run juice is racked and the wet skins pressed. The must is then immediately fortified with pure wine spirits and left on its fine lees for three months. The wine is then racked from the lees and allowed to tank-mature for a further three months before bottling. This extra maturation is essential for the marriage of the spirits and the wine.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Rietvallei Red Muscadel is full-bodied and rich, yet gentle. A floral, muscat bouquet comes through on the nose, with typical raisiny sweetness and an intense, rich flavour that lingers on the palate and follows through on the aftertaste, while the acidity complements and balances the sweetness.

FOOD PAIRING & SERVING SUGGESTION

Pair with noble cheeses and almost any dessert ... delicious with rich chocolate or strawberries & ice cream.

Serve at room temperature (18°C) or chilled.

Enjoy as an *apéritif* or as a winter warmer by the fireplace on a chilly evening. During summer, serve in a cocktail glass with crushed ice and sliced strawberries. Also in summer, serve in a tall glass with lots of ice, soda water, fresh ginger, a mint leaf and a slice of lemon.



WINE ANALYSIS

RESIDUAL SUGAR:	165.7 g/l	Alcohol:	16.63%	Acidity:	5.3 g/l
PH:	3.28	VA:	0.18 g/l	Total Extract:	190.8 g/l
TOTAL SO₂:	118 mg/l	Free SO₂:	5 mg/l		

PACKAGING DETAILS

BOTTLE VOLUME:	500 ml	EAN 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE:	6009673830130
CASE SIZE:	6 x 500ml	EAN 6X750ML CASE BARCODE:	6009673830147
PALLET SIZE:	104 x 6 x 500ml	UPC 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300020-8
CASE WEIGHT:	7.90kg	UPC 6X750ML CASE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300021-5
CLOSURE:			