



## THE BEAUTIFUL LADY 2015

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### THIS WINE IS MADE FROM GEWÜRZTRAMINER

*Background* The Heritage Heroes range is a selection of limited-edition, gourmet wines available exclusively through specialty wine shops and restaurants. Each of the wines is individually named and has been made to honour some of the major figures in South African winemaking who have been a source of inspiration to Nederburg.

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*Vineyards* The grapes for this wine were sourced from a single vineyard block on the Groenhof farm in the Stellenbosch region. The south-westerly facing vineyard block is situated 212 m above sea level on the western slopes of the Simonsberg. The trellised vines were planted in 1988 and grow in decomposed granite, Tukulu and Clovelly soils. Yields average some 6,5 tons/ha.

*Winemaking* The fruit was harvested by hand at 22° to 23° Balling. Skin contact was allowed in the small press with cooling taking place for 12 hours to concentrate the aromatic flavours so characteristic of the cultivar. The grapes were then gently pressed and settled overnight and then racked off the lees. The clean juice was fermented with a selected yeast strain at a low temperature. Fermentation was stopped when the wine reached an optimal sugar, acid and alcohol balance, with the help of cooling. The wine was then stabilised and prepared for bottling.

*Cellar master* Andrea Freeborough.

*Winemaker* Natasha Boks.

*Colour* Light straw yellow.

*Bouquet* Typical Gewürztraminer nuances of rose petals and Turkish delight on the nose with alluring sweet litchi and pineapple notes.

*Palate* Elegant, nuanced and well-balanced with floral notes flowing onto the palate. Its sweetness is more suggested than overt, enlivened by good acidity. It closes on a lovely, lingering finish.

*Food suggestions* Excellent as an aperitif, or served with fruity curries and fragrant Thai and Indian dishes made with butter or coconut milk, and Cantonese and Schezuan seafood and poultry dishes. It also makes a great partner to fruit flans.

*Maturation potential* Five to seven years

*Alcohol* 13,47% by volume

*Residual sugar* 22,11 grams/litre

*pH* 3,20

*Acidity* 6,56 grams/litre