

## THE MOTORCYCLE MARVEL 2011



The Motorcycle Marvel honours the legendary winemaker Günter Brözel, who was cellarmaster at Nederburg from 1956 to 1989. He played a leading role in building Nederburg's reputation as the most awarded winery in South Africa. A maven and a maverick, he is known for his exceptionally high standards. Getting around on a 250cc BSA motorcycle, he checked on everyone and everything to ensure his exacting demands were met. In 1985, he became the first in South Africa to earn the International Wine & Spirit Competition Winemaker of the Year Award. He was a great pioneer and created the first South African noble late harvest wine, Edelkeur, which was launched at the first Nederburg Auction in 1975 and to this day is sold exclusively through this channel. He is an icon in South African winemaking and has been a major source of inspiration for current cellarmaster Razvan Macici.

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*Background* Award-winning winemaker Razvan Macici has created a selection of limited-edition, affordably priced 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 him.

Every one of these wines has been made with a focus on innovation, whether in terms of technique or choice of varietal, to offer wine lovers a greater and more nuanced spectrum of flavour.

*Vineyards* The Shiraz grapes were sourced from an award-winning block of trellised vines in the Philadelphia area, while the Carignan and Grenache came from old bush vines in Paarl. The Mourvèdre was grown in Darling, and the Cinsaut grapes were sourced from dryland bush vines in the Stellenbosch area.

*Winemaking* The grapes were hand-sorted at the cellar and then fermented on the skins in open fermenters. Extended skin contact was allowed after fermentation. The wine was matured for 24 months in 300- and 500- litre second and third-fill French and Romanian oak barrels. No new wood was used to ensure a delicate extraction of colour and flavour.

*Cellarmaster* Razvan Macici

*Winemaker* Wilhelm Pienaar

*Colour* Dark, intense red

*Bouquet* An abundance of spicy, peppery berry and sweet fruit characters.

*Palate* A rich and intense, full-bodied explosion of flavour with ripe and silky tannins and an excellent integration between fruit and wood.

*Food suggestions* Outstanding with roasts, barbecued steaks, spicy chicken and intensely-flavoured pasta dishes.

*Maturation potential* 10 to 15 years

*Alcohol* 14,24 % by volume

*Residual sugar* 3,80 grams/litre

*pH* 3,47

*Total acidity* 5,68 grams/litre