



SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE VOIGNIER 2011

83% Shiraz 12% Mourvèdre 5% Viognier

VINEYARDS

(viticulturist: Annelie Viljoen) Grapes were sourced from mainly trellised vineyards in Stellenbosch Kloof, Helderberg and Devon Valley. Most south-west facing, the vines derive the maximum benefit from cooling maritime breezes that contributes to slow ripening of the grapes and concentrated fruit flavours.

WINEMAKING

(cellar master: Deon Boshoff, winemaker: Bonny van Niekerk) The grapes were hand-harvested in March at 23° to 25° Balling when fruit and tannins were fully ripened but the berries and skins were still firm. Each vineyard block was vinified separately. After fermentation on the skins for 10 to 12 days at 26°C, the juice was racked off the skins and the skins then pressed. After malolactic fermentation the wine spent 12 months in wood, mostly new and second-fill.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Colour: Ruby red

Bouquet: Plum, ripe berries and peppery notes with traces of oak spice.

Palate: Full and rich with a complex mixture of berry flavours and spices, gentle tannins and integrated wood flavours.

FOOD PAIRING Excellent enjoyed on its own or served with game or red meat dishes.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.78% by volume **Residual sugar:** 3.06g/l

Total acidity: 5.70g/l **pH:** 3.57

CRAFTING CONTEMPORARY CLASSICS

South African wines so often tread the line between the old world and the new and for Zonnebloem's range of award winning wines, this balance between classic and contemporary is ever present. Zonnebloem is a brand that stands for craftsmanship in all its forms. After all craft is at the heart of the winemaking process, from the estates that produce our grapes who use the earth as their canvas to create the fruit which lends our wines their rich, distinctive character; to the winemakers who use the skills they have learned and developed over decades to create the rich varietals and blends that make up the Zonnebloem staple. Our commitment to craft doesn't end with the bottled product, Zonnebloem invests in craftsmen and artisans to ensure that every bottle is presented, and enjoyed, in a way that speaks to the craft that went into its creation.

Zonnebloem has a storied history going back to the establishment of the original estate in 1692, but the true story of Zonnebloem Wines starts in 1856 when the original estate was divided between the sons of Petrus Malherbe. One of his sons named his portion Zonnebloem. The farm was later purchased by the Furter family and in 1940 Frederik Furter's granddaughter Marie took over winemaking at the estate and met with almost instant success winning three trophies at the prestigious Cape Wine Show. She went on to repeat this feat a further three times. It is stories like this that inspire us, and it is why we strive to seek out and recognise excellence in craftsmanship wherever we may find it, because what is excellent today, would have been excellent in the past and will still be considered excellent tomorrow.

Since 1856 Zonnebloem has been creating wines that speak to the values of fine craftsmanship. Our award-winning range combines the best of the old and new worlds to ensure that every bottle becomes a modern classic.

