



# MOOIPLAAS

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*Environmentally friendly wines*

## Mooiplaas Laatlam Noble Late Harvest 2013

### TASTING NOTES

This is the first Noble Late Harvest wine to be bottled on Mooiplaas. We eventually harvested 450 liters from a 0.9 ha vineyard, which relates to a loss of about 90% due to noble rot! The vineyard lies at a height of 280m in the Bottellary Hills. Nose shows the typical botrytis character, dried apricot and prune, great concentration and sweetness, backed by good acidity. The extended barrel ageing time adds to the complexity of the wine. Delicious with a strong blue cheese!

### BLEND INFORMATION

100% Sauvignon blanc

### IN THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located 280m above sea level on a west facing slope in the Bottellary Hills of Stellenbosch. South-westerly winds from the Atlantic ocean lead to lower risk of sour rot when rot does occur, making the location ideal for a Noble Late Harvest.

Harvest date: 15 April 2013. Harvested by hand.

Yield: 5 hl/ha and 830kg/ha

### IN THE CELLAR

Grapes were left on the vines until noble rot took place. The grapes were sorted to remove sour rot, destemmed and left on skins for about 24h. The grapes were pressed using a cheesecloth - a very hands-on process - to extract the (syrupy) juice. The juice was fermented until midway (11% v/v), in order to retain the sweet taste. Fermentation was stopped by the use of dry ice. After fermentation the wine was transferred to 2 225L French oak barrels to be aged for 30 months. The wine was then roughly filtered and bottled by hand.

Barrel profile: 50% 2<sup>nd</sup> fill and 50% 3<sup>rd</sup> fill. 100% French oak.

Bottling: 4 December 2015 at Mooiplaas

### GRAPE ANALYSIS

Viticulturist	Tielman Roos
Balling	49.5
pH	4.08
TA (g/l)	5.54
Appellation	Stellenbosch

### WINE ANALYSIS

Winemaker	Louis Roos
ALC (%VOL)	11.0
RS (g/l)	200.8
pH	3.82
TA (g/l)	6.8

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