



DuToitskloof

RAWSONVILLE wines

NEBBIOLO 2010

IN THE VINEYARD

Nebbiolo is king of the vineyards in Northern Italy. The name of the varietal comes from "nebbia", which means mist. The misty conditions and soils of the Western Cape have favoured our Nebbiolo wine.

The grapes were harvested from the farm Dagbreek of which the vineyards lie within a few kilometres of the cellar. The vines, grafted onto Richter 99 rootstock, are relatively young. It grows in deep, sandy loam. Leaf canopies are well managed and protect the grapes against excessive direct sunlight. Based on soil moisture levels as measured by neutron hydrometers in the vineyards, controlled irrigation is applied, thereby also ensuring small berries filled with flavour.

ABOUT THE HARVEST

We harvest about 20 tons of Nebbiolo at 26° Balling. Grapes are left hanging on the vines until it reaches physiological ripeness.

IN THE CELLAR

The grapes were crushed at 26° Balling and pumped to rotor tanks where it was left on the skins for three days at temperatures of between 10°C and 15°C to achieve maximum extraction of colour and flavour. Selected yeast strains were added and fermentation allowed to take place at a controlled temperature of 24° C while the rotor tanks were turned every four to six hours to increase extraction. After the primary fermentation of six to seven days, the wine was racked and the skins pressed. Some of the pressed wine was blended back to provide additional depth. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged for nine to ten months in French oak before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This deep coloured, full-flavoured wine erupts with the seductively scented bouquet of violets.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Perfect to pair with pasta or strong flavoured cheeses. Excellent with a South African "braai". Great companion for excellent quality steak or pork neck.

AGEING POTENTIAL

Enjoy now or drink within four years of bottling.

BLEND INFORMATION

100% Nebbiolo

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14,37%/vol
pH:	3,45
Residual sugar:	3,9 g/l
Total acid:	5,72 g/l
Total SO ₂ :	78 mg/l
Free SO ₂ :	40 mg/l

CHARACTERISTICS

Type:	Red, wooded
Style:	Dry
Body:	Full
Taste:	Fruity
Pack size:	750 ml
Pack type:	Bottle
Closure:	Cork

DESCRIPTION

Chief winemaker:	Shawn Thomson
Winemaker:	Chris Geldenhuis
Variety:	Nebbiolo
Release date:	21 December 2009
Wine of origin:	Western Cape

