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VILLIERA WINES
STELLENBOSCH
a Grier family wine

INSPIRATION (NOBLE LATE HARVEST)

VARIETY: 60 % Chenin Blanc, 40 % Riesling

VINTAGE: 2010

AREA OF ORIGIN: Stellenbosch

PRODUCT BACKGROUND: After visiting the Loire Valley, the spiritual home of Chenin, in 1999, Jeff Grier discovered that Chenin reaches perfection as a noble late harvest. This was the inspiration to create a noble late harvest in 2000. It has since become a regular feature of the Villiera range.

HARVEST DETAILS: Late in the harvest, trained pickers hand select the botrytis infected berries exclusively. After a long sticky day crates of shrivelled berries reach the cellar. This is only possible in years where the conditions are suitable.

CELLAR TREATMENT: The juice is separated from the berries by extended pressing in a tank press at low pressure. After pressing, the juice was clarified by settling and the Chenin component fermented in a combination of new and used French oak barrels. The Riesling fermented in a stainless steel tank. Under high sugar conditions, the yeast begins to struggle when the alcohol is 12 %. At that stage a good balance is usually achieved with concentrated acid helping to balance the high residual sugar. After 5 months the barrel fermented Chenin was blended with the Riesling and bottled in half bottles.

TASTING NOTES: This botrytis infected noble late harvest is a blend of Chenin Blanc and Riesling and has a brilliant golden, tawny appearance. It is intensely fragrant with hints of honey, raisins, marmalade and nuts penetrating the aroma. On the palate it is rich and sweet, but with sufficient acid to balance and it lingers forever.

AWARDS: Concours Mondial Bruxelles SILVER
Decanter SILVER
4½ Star John Platter
International Wine & Spirits Challenge SILVER
2012 Veritas GOLD

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol:	12.2 vol %
Residual Sugar:	126 g/li
Total Acid:	11.2 g/li
pH:	3.48



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