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CALITZDORP

De Krans Muscat Blanc 2022

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Grape varietal: Muscat Blanc (Muscadel)
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Background

De Krans Wine Cellar is situated along the upper reaches of the picturesque Gamka River Valley near Calitzdorp. The history of the farm dates back to 1890 when the current owners' great grandfather bought part of the first farm established in Calitzdorp, named Buffelsvallei ("Buffalo valley") on the edge of the municipal boundary of Calitzdorp.

The first grapes were planted in 1936 mainly for the production of raisins and some sweet wine. In 1964 the present cellar was built and De Krans quickly became well-known for quality ports and Muscat sweet wines, as well as dry table wines.

The current owners and winemaker now take advantage of the unique Calitzdorp terroir to produce great quality Cape ports and table wines from a whole range of interesting grape varieties.

Vineyards

The Muscat Blanc grapes were sourced from a trellised vineyard in the Kruisrivier area 20km from Calitzdorp, approximately 374m above sea level. These low-yielding vines bearing only five ton/ha provide extreme concentrated fruit. The grapes were hand harvested early in the morning at the end of February at very high sugar levels.

Winemaking

Bunches were sorted before being destemmed and crushed in open tanks overnight. During this time the skins and juice were continuously mixed to extract maximum flavors. The skins were then pressed and the juice fortified.

Winemaker's comments

Colour: Lush golden yellow colour with a slight green tint.

Bouquet: Full Muscat flavours complemented by an abundance of fresh ripe fruits of peach, litchis and spring blossoms.

Taste: Sweet, but fresh soft fruits and Muscat flavours fill the palate as the wine explodes in your mouth with beautiful balance and integrated acidity and alcohol.

Food pairing

Excellent enjoyed on its own, or with dessert, nuts and dried fruit.

Chemical analysis

Alcohol: 15.50
pH: 3.26
TA: 4.40
RS: 210.2 g/l
Extract: 221.5 g/l

Awards

Platter Guide 2021 4.5 Stars
(2020 vintage)
Gold medal: Veritas: '19,'20

