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Robert Parker

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Anwilka Vineyards is located just 7 kilometres from the ocean in Stellenbosch's prime Helderberg region. The property was purchased in the late 1990s and extensive replanting of 40ha of vineyards comprising primarily cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and some merlot followed.

The then owners, Lowell Jooste (the former co-owner of Klein Constantia) along with internationally well known Bordeaux wine personalities Hubert de Boüard (co-owner of Chateau Angéhus in Saint Emilion) and Bruno Prats (former owner of Chateau Cos d'Estournel in Saint-Estèphe) released the eponymous maiden vintage blend of Syrah-Cabernet in 2005. Anwilka has since established a worldwide reputation for this red blend which has been described by Robert Parker as "the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa".

Stellenbosch is recognized as the Cape's premium red wine producing district. The significant maritime influence in the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch enables exceptional fruit quality. The matching of grape varieties to specific sites was carefully considered. Soils are of moderate potential, allowing low vine vigour and consistently healthy vines. A gentle slope assisting drainage during the winter rains. Minimal irrigation is used, and good water retention capacity avoids excessive hydric stress.



The vineyards are run by manager Piet Neethling and the wine made by young South African oenologist Jean du Plessis. Much guidance is provided by Prats, who successfully directed Cos d'Estournel, the leading Médoc 2nd growth, for 28 years and de Boüard who steered Angélus to achieve St-Émilion first-growth status.



In May 2012 Anwilka Vineyards merged with Klein Constantia Estate, purchased in 2011 by Zdenek Bakala and Charles Harman. De Boüard and Prats remain in the newly-merged company as minority shareholders and former co-owner, Jooste is a non-executive board member. The primary objective of sparing no cost when it comes to wine quality, as previously stated by Jooste, de Boüard and Prats, has not changed. Bakala and Harman explained,

“The Stellenbosch vineyards of Anwilka will be a great addition to our portfolio, and we are very happy to welcome Hubert and Bruno as partners. Together we want to establish Anwilka’s positioning as a global South African wine brand.”

Currently produces a flagship red blend, Anwilka and a second label red wine, Petit Frère, Anwilka aims to produce a new benchmark in quality for South African red wine.

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Location:	Helderberg / Stellenbosch Region
Tasting room:	Not open to public, visits by appointment only
Size of farm:	48 hectares
HA under vine:	33 HA under vines 2 HA of olives
Varietals planted:	13.5 HA Shiraz, 18 HA Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.49 HA Petit Verdot,
Cellar capacity:	200,000 litre, 300 tons
Tank sizes:	3'500, 7'000, 8'000 and 22'000 liter stainless steel
Number of barrels:	54 x 400 litre
Barrels type:	Only French oak, mostly medium toast and medium grain.
Soil types:	Duplex, well drained, medium potential, clay subsoil, Koffieklip (Ferricrete or Coffee Stone) being our distinction (course pebbles and bigger stones high in iron oxides).
Clones of vines:	Shiraz: 1A, 22B, 99, 216A, 21K - 101-14 rootstock Cabernet Sauvignon: 169A and B, 163, 37B - 101-14 rootstock Petit V: D32 - 101-14 rootstock
Rainfall:	630 mm per year
Temperatures:	Average max hottest month: 30.6 °C Average minimum hottest month: 16.39 °C (February) Average maximum of coldest month: 17.87 °C (June) Average minimum of coldest month: 7.93 °C (August) Average temperature hottest month: 21.71 °C (Jan and/or Feb) Average temperature coldest month: 16.03 °C (August)

Anwilka does not have fences so animals can move around freely. With the recent developments and fencing being put up on neighbours' properties, Anwilka has become a haven for all these animals, particularly owls and bats which help in the vineyards to guard against pests and vine damage.



To make the vineyard more hospitable to owls particularly, breeding boxes have been erected which has proved to be very successful. The breeds living on the farm thus far include the Cape and Spotted Eagle Owl and the Barn Owl.

Bat breeds from Cape Serotine as well as Egyptian Free-tailed bat have been seen on the farm.

Other animals include, the Helmeted Guinea fowl, Cape Francolin, porcupines, Duikers, Steenbok, an African Fish Eagle pair at the dam at the bottom of the farm, mongeese, puff adders, Cape Cobras, Grey Herons, Nightjars, Cape Robins, Egyptian Geese, various falcons, kestrels and eagles.



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Anwilka Current Vineyard Plantings

As of February 2014

Varietals	Ha	%
Shiraz	13.3	34%
Petit Verdot	1.48	3%
Cabernet Sauvignon	22.69	58%
Merlot	1.83	5%