

# ANWILKA

VINEYARDS • STELLENBOSCH

## 2008



<b>Varieties</b>	48% Syrah 42% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot
<b>Quantity</b>	40 000 bottles
<b>Vineyards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•In the prime red wine area of the Helderberg in Stellenbosch.</li><li>•Pronounced maritime influence due to proximity to False Bay ensures cooling breezes throughout the warm summer.</li><li>•Soils are medium potential, leading to favourably low vine vigour.</li><li>•Particular emphasis on viticulture has produced consistently healthy vineyards, and hydric stress avoided by minimal irrigation.</li><li>•Yields in the 2008 vintage were managed by rigorous pruning and green harvesting resulting in low yields of 6 tons/ha (40hl/ha).</li></ul>
<b>Winemaking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Grapes were harvested in small crates in March / first week of April 2008.</li><li>•Bunches were sorted before destemming, and the berries re-sorted prior to crushing, with the crusher positioned above the stainless steel tronconic tanks to allow gravity-feeding.</li><li>•Lengthy pump-overs and extended maceration ensured gentle extraction of ripe polyphenols.</li><li>•Wines were matured separately in 50% new French oak for 6 months before being blended together, and spent a further 9 months in oak before bottling.</li></ul>
<b>Analysis</b>	Alc: 14.5%Vol    TA: 3.9 g/l    pH: 3.77    RS: 2.68 g/l

### Tasting Note

The excellent 2008 vintage exhibits a deeply coloured core, edged by a brightly youthful ruby rim. Enticing aromas of oak spice and violets precede vivid redcurrant and damson flavours, framed by supple tannins, and carried by a fine thread of acidity to a pleasingly long, fresh and complex finish. Fruit, tannin and acidity show seamless integration in this youthful wine that you can start to enjoy from 2012.

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Stephen Tanzer

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