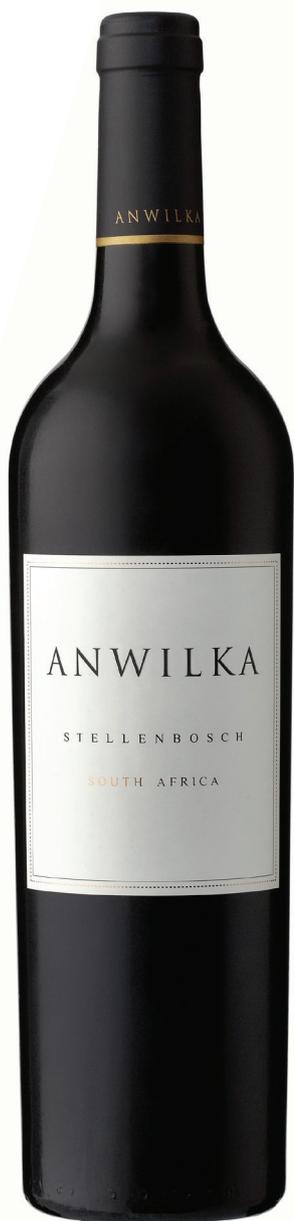


ANWILKA

2017

Based at the south end of Stellenbosch with views of False Bay, the 40 hectare red wine property is planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Proximity to the sea provides a specific microclimate that, together with the old ferricrete soils, are perfect for producing rich and focused wines. Under the guidance of internationally well-known Bordeaux wine personalities Hubert de Boüard (co-owner of Château Angéus in Saint-Emilion) and Bruno Prats (former owner of Château Cos d'Estournel in Saint-Estèphe), Anwilka has 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".



Varieties

47% Cabernet Sauvignon
46% Syrah
7% Petit Verdot

Vineyards

Anwilka had a cold and wet winter allowing for a 2017 will be remembered as one of the all-time great vintages for red wine in Stellenbosch - a warm summer followed by a cooler maturation period allowed for optimal grapes with intense flavour. It was a vintage that was made entirely in the vineyards, allowing the winemakers to guide and preserve the essence of what the vines had to offer.

Winemaking

The grapes are hand picked early in the morning. Upon arrival in the cellar the second sorting process starts immediately to preserve the flavours & freshness of the grapes. In the cellar, the extraction process is carefully calculated. After completion of alcoholic fermentation, the free run juice was drained off overnight and the skins pressed the next day using a delicate basket press. Press fractions are kept separate and used, from time to time, for fine tuning during the blending process. Secondary malolactic fermentation took place in either new French oak or in tank followed by 19 months in a combination of 50% first fill to 50% second fill 400L French Oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Bright, inky and youthful in appearance. The nose is vibrant with a balance of concentrated dark fruit and savoury aromas. Full bodied, well toasted and sophisticated, the palate follows through with a bold and complex tannin structure. The wine concludes with long textured and powerful finish. An age worthy wine that will delight now and for years to come.

Analysis

Alcohol	14.17% vol
Total acidity	5.6g/l
PH	3.68
Residual sugar	4.6g/l

