



Wine & Vintage:	Amalie 2009
Label:	Solms Wijn de Caab
Farm location:	Delta Rd, off R45, Franschhoek Valley
Wine maker:	Hilko Hegewisch
Farm owner:	Professor Mark Solms
Viticulturist:	Paul Wallace (consultant)
Grape Variety:	Viognier 51%, Grenache Blanc 49%
Style of Wine:	Barrel-matured dry white blend, with intense fruit, layers of complexity and lingering finish.
Vinification:	The Grenache Blanc grapes were desiccated on the vine according to an ancient Greek practice to concentrate colour and flavours. The fully ripe grapes were then harvested and crushed in the cellar where they were given 24 hours' skin contact at 5° C. The Viognier was sourced from six different sites to achieve a complex flavour spectrum. Both grape varieties were fermented and matured separately in new French oak barrels for a slow fermentation and extended lees maturation, and were blended prior to bottling.
Wood Maturation:	Eight months in French oak barrels.
Wine Description:	Golden-rich, aromatic and fruity wine, with lingering complexity and well-integrated tannic structure – a wine to set new standards in white blending.
Analysis:	Alcohol 13 Vol % Residual Sugar 4.6 gm/l Total Acidity 6.2 gm/l pH 3.18
Background:	The wine honours family links and history. Princess Amalie zu Solms-Braunfels (immortalised by Rembrandt in 1632) played a significant role in Dutch political life after her marriage to the Prince of Orange. Her grandson, William III, King of England, provided refuge and support to thousands of French Huguenots after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. Some 180 of these refugees, fleeing religious persecution, were relocated to the Cape and granted farms in the immediate vicinity of Delta. Here they laid the foundations of the modern South African wine industry.
History of farm:	The 320 year old Franschhoek farm has reclaimed its historic role as a wine estate under the direction of Prof. Mark Solms, a world renowned neuroscientist recently returned to South Africa.
Price:	Recommended retail price (same as farm) – R84

Produced by Solms-Delta (Pty) Ltd, which is a joint venture between the Solms and Astor families and the Wijn de Caab Trust, the beneficiaries of which are the historically disadvantaged residents and employees of Delta farm and its environs.