



Wine & Vintage: Vastrap 2010

Label:	Solms-Astor		
Farm location:	Delta Rd, off R45, Franschhoek Valley		
Farm owner:	Solms Family Trust, Astor Family Trust and the Wijn de Caab Trust		
Wine maker:	Hilko Hegewisch		
Viticulturist:	Paul Wallace (consultant)		
Grape Varieties:	Chenin Blanc 60%, Semillon 23%, Riesling 17%		
Style of Wine:	White Cape blend		
Vinification:	No skin contact, reductive wine-making style to retain upfront fruit flavours. Classic 'old Cape' cultivars. The aromatic Riesling was added to provide a spicy component.		
Maturation:	Partially in second and third fill barrels but mostly in stainless steel tanks. Lees contact for 9 months.		
Wine Description:	Easy-drinking fruity style, produced from classic South African cultivars. Semillon ('Groen druif') has been grown in Franschhoek for some 300 years. Chenin blanc has unique characteristics in South Africa.		
Analysis:	Alcohol	13% Vol	Total Acidity 6.2 gm/l
	Residual Sugar	3.6 gm/l	pH 3.43
Background:	Label detail; Vastrap (trample) music unites Khoesan trance-dance with Dutch folk music. Played on anything: concertinas, home-made violins, banjos and 'blik-kitaars'. The traditional excuse for a Vastrap party was the trampling of a newly laid cow-dung floor, but the ancestors are said to have preferred the open air.		
The Name:	The name of the wine combines Richard Astor's love of music with his dislike of pomposity. Approachable and well-priced, this is a fun wine, with no pretensions, backed by the Solms-Delta reputation for quality.		
The Occasion:	Enjoy it on its own, or at any informal occasion, poolside or picnic. Will pair well with fish or pizza.		
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 (as ex farm) – R55		

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