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Wine & Vintage: Gemoedsrus 2009

Label:	Solms-Delta								
Farm location:	Delta Rd, off R45, Franschhoek Valley								
Farm owners:	Solms Family Trust, Astor Family Trust, Wijn de Caab Trust								
Wine maker:	Hilko Hegewisch								
Viticulturist:	Paul Wallace (consultant)								
Grape Variety:	Shiraz 100 %								
Style of Wine:	Desiccated Shiraz, fortified with husk spirit (grappa). An innovative new approach to port wine.								
Vinification:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Shiraz bunches were desiccated on the vine, then harvested in two tranches.2. The earlier tranche was pressed and the skins were distilled into grappa.3. Wine was fermented from the later tranche, in open oak barrels.4. Grappa was added to the wine on the skins, then the whole was pressed.								
Maturation:	Matured for 3 months only, to retain the primary fruit aromas, in mostly new French oak barrels.								
Wine Description:	Black colour, toasted almond aromas on the nose, dark chocolate on the pallet, with medium sweet well-rounded finish.								
Analysis:	<table><tr><td>Alcohol</td><td>18.5 % Vol</td></tr><tr><td>Residual Sugar</td><td>88 g/l</td></tr><tr><td>Total Acidity</td><td>6.7 g/l</td></tr><tr><td>pH</td><td>3.56</td></tr></table>	Alcohol	18.5 % Vol	Residual Sugar	88 g/l	Total Acidity	6.7 g/l	pH	3.56
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Background:	This wine is a tribute to our late great musician-in-residence, Alex van Heerden (1974-2009). In a brief whirlwind of generosity he passed the precious legacy of Cape music into hands and hearts. 'Gemoedsrus' ('peace of mind') was the title track of his last album, released just a few weeks after his tragic death. Today the composer of <i>Gemoedsrus</i> , Les Javan, still continues Alex's work at Solms-Delta, which now boasts over 60 resident farm-worker musicians.								
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 – R188 <i>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. www.solms-delta.co.za</i>								