



Wine & Vintage:	Amalie 2010
Label:	Solms Delta
Farm location:	Delta Rd, off R45, Franschhoek Valley
Wine maker:	Hilko Hegewisch
Farm owner:	Solms Family Trust, Astor Family Trust and the Wijn de Caab Trust
Viticulturist:	Paul Wallace (consultant)
Grape Variety:	Viognier 48%, Roussanne 33%, Grenache Blanc 19%
Style of Wine:	Barrel-matured dry white blend, with intense fruit, layers of complexity and lingering finish.
Vinification:	Grenache blanc was desiccated to give a concentrated component to this intense Rhone style white blend, the Roussanne and Viognier was picked fully ripe. The grapes were given skin contact over-night to extract maximum flavours from the skin. The fermentation happened in oak barrels.
Wood Maturation:	Four 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 13.5 Vol /% Residual Sugar 2.9g/l Total Acidity 5.6 g/l pH 3.39
Background:	The wine honours family links and history. Princess Amalie van 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) – R95.00

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.