

## Muratie Ansela van de Caab 2003

Veritas 2006 - Bronze

Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2006 - Silver

John Platter - 4½ stars

Deep ruby red colour, elegant complex fruit flavours on the nose followed by a well structured mouthfeel and lingering aftertaste. For that special occasion.

variety : Merlot | 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Muratie Wine Estate

winemaker : Francois Conradie

wine of origin : Simonsberg - Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.67 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.74 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : Red      wooded

pack : Bottle

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**ageing :** Ansela van de Caab is an excellent reflection of the huge influence that great terroir plays in producing red wines that has the potential to age and mature gracefully.

**about the harvest:** This season leading up to the 2003 harvest would be remembered as a winemakers dream. The grapes ripened early and with the good viticultural practices we were blessed with stunning healthy grapes.

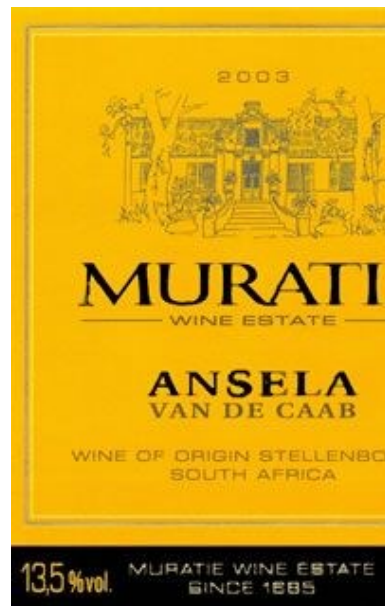
**in the cellar :** The grapes were all hand harvested, crushed, destalked and fermented in a combination of classic open fermenters as well as stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation was done in French oak, (225l) barrels. (30% new oak). Ansela van de Caab 2003 is a blend of selected Merlot (60%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (40%). The blend is made up after each respective variety has matured for 12 months in oak. Once the blend has been made, the wine is re-introduced into French oak for a further 4 months to ensure that a good marriage takes place. The wine is bottled unfiltered to ensure minimal intervention.

### Muratie Wine Estate

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