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Kanu Kia-Ora 2004



Wine Spectator Score: 92/100
John Platter Wine Guide: 5 stars
Deep yellow-gold colour. A bouquet of apricots, pineapple, pear, honey and almonds. The sunshine flavours unfold delightfully on the palate with a full, rich mouth feel. Although drinking superbly now, it will continue to develop further in the bottle over the next 5 years.

Serve well chilled at 10 â€“ 12Â°C. Partner with PÃ¢tÃ© de foie gras; Stilton and Roquefort cheese; lemon meringue pie; crÃ¨me caramel; tiramisu; gratinated summer fruit napped in zabaglione; baklava; or simply on its own after dinner!

variety : Chenin Blanc | 93% Chenin Blanc, 7% Harslevelu
winery : Kanu Wines
winemaker : Richard Kershaw
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 12.28 % vol **rs :** 113.3 g/l **pH :** 3.31 **ta :** 8.7 g/l **so2 :** 237 mg/l **fso2 :** 42 mg/l
type : Dessert **style :** Sticky **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Dedicated vineyard management and the careful timing of harvest ensured the fortuitous development of Botrytis cinerea resulting in a high natural sugar and concentrated acid levels. Botrytis cinerea (noble rot) is a fungus that attacks the grapes under certain conditions of temperature and humidity. Botrytis growth extracts moisture from the grapes, causing the concentration of sugar, acid, and, most importantly, flavours.

2004 Vintage: 5 stars in John Platter; Wine Spectator Score: 92/100
2003 Vintage: July 2005 issue of WINE magazine - 4 star rating; Wine Spectator Score: 90/100
Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2004 - Silver
SA Wine Magazine - July 2005 edition.
2001 Vintage: 'Best Runner Up' in 'Gold Medal - Dessert Wine' of the Wine-of-the-Month Club Classic Wine Trophy 2002
1999 Vintage: Wine Magazine (SA), December 2000 - 4 Stars
1999 Vintage: Platter Wine Guide - 4 Stars

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in the vineyard : Area: Koelenhof
Soil Type: Decomposed Malmesbury Shale
Age of vines: Various
Trellising: Bush vines
Vine Density: Various
Yield: 1 tonne per hectare
Irrigation: Yes, Yes, mainly drip irrigation

about the harvest: Picking date: 26 â€“ 28 April 2004
Grape Sugar: 33.5Â°B â€“ 33.8Â°B
Acidity: 2.5 at harvest
pH at harvest: 3.89 at harvest