

Robertson Winery Almond Grove Noble Late Harvest 2006

This full-bodied wine exhibits rich flavours of dried apricots, almonds and honey, with a lingering aftertaste of ripe peaches. On the palate, the wine is delicate but concentrated. The fine fresh acidity balances the sweetness with a long smooth finish.

Serving temperature: 8Å° - 10Å°C.

variety : Weisser Riesling | 100% Weisser Riesling

winery : Robertson Winery

winemaker : Lolly Lourens

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : **alc** : 10.47 % vol **rs** : 124.0 g/l **pH** : 2.97

type : Dessert **body** : Full

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : 5 to 7 years

in the vineyard : Almond Grove, a single vineyard with deep, well-drained red Karoo soils, is the source of this Weisser Riesling. About once every three vintages, damp warm weather conditions in this vineyard are optimal for the development of Botrytis Cineria, 'Noble Rot'. This concentrates sugars, acids, flavors and aromas and enables us to produce this late harvest wine. The perfect hang time on the vine combined with very selective picking was necessary to harvest these extremely ripe grapes. The Almond Grove farm has been owned by the Baard family since 1979, one of Robertson Winery's 35 member families.

Farm: Almond Grove

Soil type: Deep, well-drained red Karoo soils with a high lime content

Trellising: Four-wire Perold system

Water management: Regulated drip irrigation

Row direction: East to West

Viticulturist: Briaan Stripp

about the harvest: Harvest date: First week of April 2006

Harvest method: Hand-harvested in small baskets at 34Å° Balling/Brix (34 BaumÅ©)

in the cellar : Fermentation: Fermentation took place small fermenters at 15Å° Celsius for 5 weeks

Barrel maturation: No oak maturation

Bottling date: Mid June 2006

Long, slow fermentation at 15Å°C took 35 days. After the alcohol content reached 10%, the wine was tasted frequently to determine the precise point when the alcohol and residual sugar levels are in balance.



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