

Solms-Wijn de Caab Amalie 2006

2006 vintage (released February 2007)

Is a blend of Viognier (55%) and Grenache Blanc (45%) and was matured for 8 months in new French oak. It was bottled in November 2006.

variety : Viognier | 55% Viognier, 45% Grenache Blanc

winery : Solms-Delta Wine Estate

winemaker : Hilko Hegewisch

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 4.9 g/l pH : 3.09 ta : 5.76 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Angela Lloyd, *John Platter South African Wine Guide 2008*

Amalie 2006: *â€œSexy, slightly decadent white blend ... intriguing follow-up to maiden 05. Savoury, oxidative, earth & mineral touches all seamlessly meshed & quite superb.â€* RATING 4 Stars + [Included among the Guide's *Wines of the Year* which *show particular potential for cellaring.*]

Tim James, *Grape.co.za*

â€œparticipates at the modest end of this [estate's] unusualness, but it is full of character and interest as well as eminent drinkability ... The viognier shows through in the aromas and on the palate with a peachy perfume that is, happily, subtle enough to allow other â€œwild and scrubbyâ€ notes to show too. It's a powerful, concentrated wine ... but also restrained, with a richness well supported by a fine acidity and good, appropriate oakings. Already integrated and drinking well, the wine should benefit from a further year or two in the bottle.â€ RATING 17

John Maytham, *Cape Talk*

â€œeven better than the 2005 ... very, very, very good wine indeedâ€

in the vineyard :

Princess Amalie zu Solms-Braunfels was immortalised by Rembrandt in 1632. After her marriage to the Prince of Orange, she played a significant role in Dutch political life. Her grandson, William III, King of England, provided refuge and financial support to thousands of French Huguenots after the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685. Among these, some 180 souls were relocated to the Cape and granted farms in the immediate vicinity of Delta (then called Zandvliet) where they laid the foundations of the modern South African wine industry.