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Zevenwacht Z Gewürztraminer 2008

Deep golden lime in colour. A sumptuously fragrant wine that explodes with litchi and rosewater, complemented by nuances of oriental spice. Alluring flavours of Turkish delight and luscious litchi. A wine with a beautiful mouthfeel, seductive mid-palate and a lingering finish.



variety : Gewurztraminer | 100% Gewurztraminer
winery : Zevenwacht Wine Estate
winemaker : Jacques Viljoen
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.17 % vol **rs :** 3.37 g/l **pH :** 3.4 **ta :** 5.0 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : These 25 year old vineyards, present a visual anomaly. Gnarled and far from aesthetic, they produce the tiniest berries with astonishing aromatic concentration.

South-west facing with one of the most extreme slopes on the farm, the wines enjoy the wintry exhalation of the Atlantic Ocean less than a stoneâ€™s throw away in viticultural terms.

The decomposed granite soils include desirable clay elements that retain moisture during the drier months of ripening, yet, as a result of the prominent gravel fractions, allow for excellent drainage.

about the harvest: Lessons learned in the past six vintages since 2002 paved the way for a move towards fruit retention and expression. Rigorous hand selection took place of only the pink/purple bunches, in the early hours of a Saturday morning, the 8th of March 2008.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed, moving away from, whole bunch pressing, allowing for higher quality juice with superb aromatic potential. After settling we racked the wine to third and fourth fill French oak Hogsheads (300 litre), where natural fermentation took place.

We stirred the lees in barrel every week for 4 months before we racked the wine to stainless steel. The wine was left on the lees for another month.

Bottling took place without filtration. A sediment may result over time. Careful decanting will allow for a clear drink and the most advantageous expression of this aromatic wine. 1200 bottles have been produced.

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