

Morgenster Nabucco 2006

Colour: Deep, concentrated, bright pomegranate red.

Nose: An introduction of sweet Indonesian spice, Turkish tobacco and hints of ripe tomatoes and truffles.

Palate: The superb balance between acid and tannin brings to the fore spice, dried citrus and parched herbal and cedar wood flavours and a hint of mocha. Nabucco is an uncomplicated wine that delivers loads of structure and intensity.

In keeping with the cultivars we do this in Italian: Stracotto di Manzo (Beef hotpot) Spezzatino di Vitello con mele cotogne (Veal with Quinces) Agnello arrosto con olive (Roast lamb with olives) Coniglio in agrodolce (Sweet and Sour Rabbit)

variety : Nebbiolo | 100% Nebbiolo

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Marius Lategan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.9 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

Taste Magazine - Carrie Adams: "Best Release of 2008", December 2008

John Platter 2009: 4 stars

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ageing : This wine's refined, elegant and deeply nuanced characteristics will see it still performing when it comes of age, still offering much pleasure. If drinking now, decant for about 2 hours ahead of serving.

in the vineyard : An excellent vintage, largely problem free producing fleshy, mild tannins in the reds, expressive fruit and equality in ripeness.

in the cellar : 15 months in tight grain French oak (15% new).

This, the maiden release of the Italian Collection, is a project very close to the heart of Italian owner, Giulio Bertrand, who has always dreamed of producing wines in South Africa from typical Italian cultivars. Seeking, as always, to produce something special, something different he imported specific clones from his Professor Friends at the University in Italy.

Italian passion and flair is world renowned, and here it is brought together in two of the greatest symbols of this heritage: wine and opera. Verdi's Nabucco is a powerful story of love, passion and exile in the Babylonian court. The theme of longing for your homeland is brought to life in this wine that draws heavily on the flavours of Italy: spices, citrus, truffles, tomatoes.

