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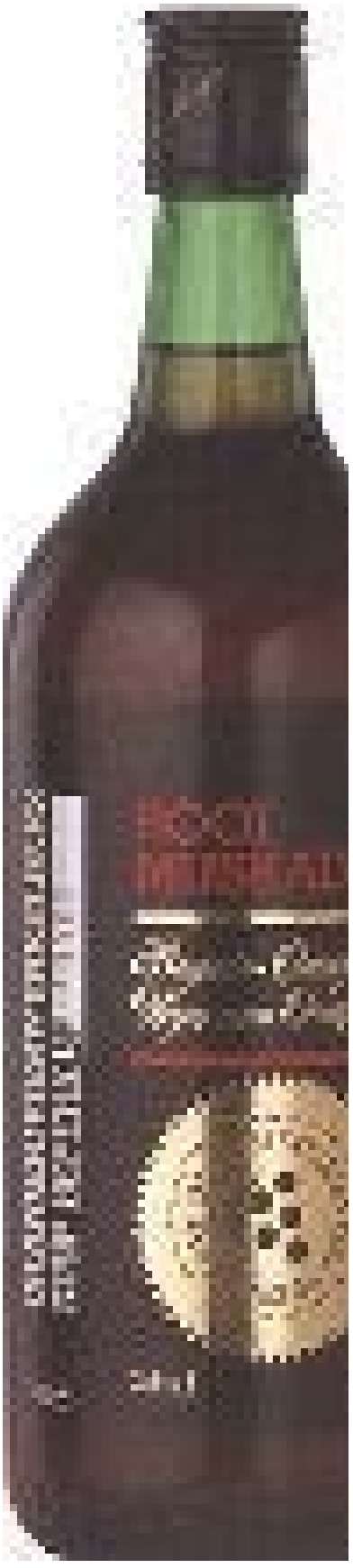
Oranjerivier Red Muscadel 1998

Clear and bright, rich raisiny wine. Soft crushed strawberry. Muscat nose, forward, Muscat flavour with lingering aftertaste.

variety : Muscat de Frontignan | Muscat de Frontignan
winery : Orange River Cellars
winemaker : Team
wine of origin : Orange River
analysis : **alc :** 17.0 % vol **rs :** 258.2 g/l **pH :** 4.32 **ta :** 4.3 g/l
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : 20 years

in the cellar : Climate:
High summer temperatures, summer rainfall area.

Viticulture:
Mostly old vines - the area stretches across 300km. Hot long summers contribute to resultant high sugars.

Vinification:
The grapes were harvested at a ripeness of 26ÂºB. 3 days skin contact was allowed. Before spontaneous fermentation could take place, skin and juice were separated and wine was fortified. Once a week the wine and sediment were mixed for a period of 4 weeks, before the sediment was finally separated from the wine. The wine was matured for a total of 24 months in 300 litre barrels.