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Mvemve Raats de Compostella 2007

Deep, dark intense ruby colour. Red plum and black cherry fruit with a hint of cinnamon. Rich and muscular with mineral, black berry fruit and dark chocolate on the finish. Harmoniously composed of sufficient of each of the five main Bordeaux varieties to ensure none dominates. This wine shows a consistent, linear flavour profile.



variety : Cabernet Franc | 32% Cabernet Franc, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec, 16% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot

winery : Raats Family Wines

winemaker : Bruwer Raats and Mzo Mvemve

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc :** 14 % vol **rs :** 2.4 g/l **pH :** 3.58 **ta :** 6.1 g/l **va :** 0.45 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

- Scored a magnificent 93 by Neil Martin from The Wine Advocate **(September 2011)**.
- Rated 2nd in Africa and 8th overall in the Southern Hemisphere (South America, South Africa and Australia) by Swedish wine critic Richard Juhlin in Livets Goda **(June 2011).**
- Scored a magnificent 93 and was rated as one of the top recommended wines in South Africa by American wine critic James Molesworth from Wine Spectator **(May 2011)**
- Rated as one of the Top 10 Reds for 4 consecutive vintages and the most consistent Top Quality Wine from South Africa through Wine Spectator **(May 2011)**
- Rated as one of the Top 10 wines from South Africa by American wine critic Stephen Tanzer **(March 2011)**
- Scored a magnificent 93 by American wine critic Stephen Tanzer **(March 2011)**
- Rated 4½ Star, John Platter 2011 **(January 2011)**
- Raats' MR de Compostella was the Exclusive Wine served at the SA Captain's Dinner prior to the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup in South Africa **(June 2010)**
- James Molesworth proclaimed the MR de Compostella, Bruwer's collaboration with Mzokhona Mvemve, as his Top South African Red in Wine Spectator **(January 2009).**

ageing : Bottled in April 2009 and should start showing well for drinking from 2012. This is a wine that can mature over ten years (2017) if stored correctly.

in the vineyard : Each variety was harvested separately from specially chosen vineyards in the Stellenbosch area.

Grape Sugar: 24.8° Balling
Acidity: 6.5 g/l
pH at Harvest: 3.45

about the harvest: Yield: 5t/ha
Balling: 24° - 25° B

in the cellar :
The resultant cuvee is called De Compostella ('The Compilation of Stars') and the aim was to make each of the five components able to stand as varietal wines. The wines were tasted blind after one year in the barrel and the blend was then constructed in descending percentages, from the wine which rated highest to that in 5th place.

Wood Ageing
Each variety spent twelve months in barrel as a single varietal before the wine was blended together. Thereafter the blended wine was matured for another 12 months giving a total of 24 months in barrel, a third of which was new French Oak, a further third in 2nd fill and a final third in 3rd fill French oak barrels.