

Danie de Wet Rhine Riesling 2004

A dry, yet delicate wine, abundantly complex on the nose and palate with a typically spicy, deep fruity flavour

variety : Riesling | 100% Riesling

winery : De Wetshof Estate

winemaker : Danie de Wet

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : **alc** : 12.82 % vol **rs** : 2.0 g/l **pH** : 3.26 **ta** : 7.69 g/l **va** : 0.26 g/l **so2** : 78 mg/l **fso2** : 33 mg/l

type : White **style** : Dry **taste** : Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : 3 - 7 years

in the vineyard : Danie de Wet, present owner and winemaker of De Wetshof Estate, studied viticulture and cellar technology at Geisenheim, the famous German wine institute.

Danie pioneered the noble white varieties of Europe in South Africa and today the estate of 200 hectares specialises in superior white wines exclusively. Thus, De Wetshof, the first registered wine estate in the Robertson region, made South Africa's first Chardonnay Superior, Sauvignon Blanc and Rhine Riesling Superior. Today Danie specialises in Chardonnay.

Climate: Summer afternoons are fanned by a cool breeze from the Agulhas Coast. Nights are chilly and mist often shrouds the vineyards until late morning during high summer.

Soils: The gravelly soils are extremely rich in lime with a 7.8 - 8pH.

Irrigation: The vineyards are scientifically irrigated with the aid of a fully computerised irrigation system. Thanks to the most modern technology, irrigation on De Wetshof has been turned into an asset promoting the quality of the grapes.

Rainfall: Robertson is a winter rainfall area with approximately 300mm per annum.

Pest Control: Due to a very dry climate, spraying is minimal compared to other wine growing regions.

Winemaking Methods: Danie de Wet adjusts his methods of winemaking from year to year, according to weather conditions and grape quality, in the belief that wine is made in the vineyard and not in the cellar.

Cooper: French oak barrels for De Wetshof are specially selected="true" from specific coopers to enhance the quality of the fruit.

Soil Type: Gravel lime - lots of stone

Rootstock: Richter 110

Age of the vines: 7 years

Vines per hectare: 4,000

Trellising style: 6 Wire fence system cordon with spur pruning.

Tons per hectare yield: 9 Tons

Clone: 110 GM

about the harvest: The grapes are picked early in the morning.

in the cellar : The grapes are destalked and given no skin contact. The juice is fermented in stainless steel tanks at a low 16 - 18° C until dry. After fermentation the young wine is cleaned and allowed a period of rest before bottling.

Barrel maturation: None

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