

Solms-Astor Vastrap 2010

Easy-drinking fruity style, produced from classic South African cultivars. Semillon ('Groen druif') has been grown in Franschhoek for some 300 years. Chenin Blanc has unique characteristics in South Africa.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 60% Chenin Blanc, 23% Semillon, 17% Riesling

winery : Solms-Delta Wine Estate

winemaker : Hilko Hegewisch

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.43 ta : 6.2 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Label detail; Vastrap (trample) music unites Khoesan trance-dance with Dutch folk music. Played on anything: concertinas, home-made violins, banjos and 'blik-kitaars'. The traditional excuse for a Vastrap party was the trampling of a newly laid cow-dung floor, but the ancestors are said to have preferred the open air. The Name: The name of the wine combines Richard Astor's love of music with his dislike of pomposity. Approachable and well-priced, this is a fun wine, with no pretensions, backed by the Solms-Delta reputation for quality.

in the cellar : No skin contact, reductive wine-making style to retain upfront fruit flavours. Classic 'old Cape' cultivars. The aromatic Riesling was added to provide a spicy component.

Maturation: Partially in second and third fill barrels but mostly in stainless steel tanks. Lees contact for 9 months.

