

De Grendel Rubaiyat 2006

This Bordeaux style of wine has a deep purple color with red hints on the appearance of the wine. The nose is a combination of black fruit, chocolate, light spices and vanilla characters. The palate is full, well balanced with a broad mid palate and lengthy finish.

A match like no other: lamb with rosemary. Also pink and juicy Chateaubriand, roast poultry or boeuf bourguignon.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 15% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

winery : De Grendel Wines

winemaker : Charles Hopkins & Elzette du Preez

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : 10 - 12 years

in the vineyard : 2006 VINTAGE

Producing our first premium Bordeaux-style red created a lot of excitement in the cellar. To top it all it was a wonderful red wine vintage. (The name Rubaiyat is the Persian word for a quatrain: a stanza of verse comprising four lines - reflecting the four varietal components of the blend).

VINEYARD

The vineyard is situated in the Firgrove area, about 6 km from False Bay. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from 33 year old bush vines with very limited yields. The average berry weight is less than a gram (extremely small and concentrated).

SOIL TYPE

Light top soil of 40 cm with deep broken laterite.

in the cellar : A portion of this wine was made by aerated pump overs in a closed tank with extended skin contact. The rest was made by punch down method where a pneumatic punch down system was used four times a day. This method ensured more aggressive extraction.

These two portions were kept separate during pressing and then blended when going in to 100% new French Oak barrels where malolactic fermentation took place. The wine matured in these barrels for another 18 months.