

Morgenster Tosca 2010

Colour: Bright deep plum red with a lovely youthful appearance.

Nose: Fresh cranberries and flowery perfume, roasted tomatoes, cigar box and deeper whiffs get you some cloves and cinnamon spiciness.

Palate: Typical Sangiovese warmth and elegance, with silky tannins and elegant structure ensuring that this wine, which is still in its infancy, will be gorgeous with years to come. The wine offers a long lasting sensation and should fuse well with the right choice of menu.

Caprese and other salads, hearty, savoury risottos, light lunches, hard cheeses. Great summer fare!

variety : Sangiovese | 63% Sangiovese, 25% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Henry Kotzé

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.68 % vol rs : 3.08 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 6.06 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

Tim Atkin 2013: 91 points

in the vineyard : A slow dry January followed a very wet and windy November. The end of February and beginning of March saw a long hot spell of 10 days rock the ripening. With sugar accumulation hurtling into 5th gear, picking was finished in record time.

The 1.8 hectares of Sangiovese on Morgenster are maturing and fulfilling their earlier promise of producing excellent wines according to owner Giulio Bertrand's dream of making wine from the Italian varieties of his native home. This is the seventh crop from these prized vineyards. By combining Sangiovese with traditional Bordeaux grapes, wines called Super Tuscan are produced. With Bertrand's naming of the wines in his Italian Collection according to his favorite operas and singer, it was inevitable that this blend would be called Tosca. Its subtle tannins, big bouquet and easy pairing with most dishes have boosted its popularity with an appreciative public.

Vineyard: Stellenbosch

Region: Helderberg ward

in the cellar : Grape Varieties: Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation: 17 months in tight grain French oak barrels.

Bottled on the 7th December 2011

