

Springfield Estate Methode Ancienne Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

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variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from single vineyard

winery : Springfield Estate

winemaker : Abrie Bruwer

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.3 ta : 6.7 g/l fso2 : 37 mg/l

type : Red **body** : Full **wooded**

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

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Our vines did grow, struggling at first - virtually no soil, roots had to creep past rocks; they took much longer to bear than others, but eventually did. The miracle was in the fruit. Tiny berries - intense in colour and flavour, this meagre crop was vinified in the traditional way.

in the cellar : Tiny berries - intense in colour and flavour, this meagre crop was vinified in the traditional way. No crushing of berries, no yeast but that from their skins, no fining- additives and no filters. Wine made by itself, kept for two years in the best new French-oak barrels, fit for this wonder.

Finally we could bottle, but the agony was not yet over. After four more years wait for maturation in bottles, we reluctantly released the first Méthode Ancienne Cabernet Sauvignon 1998 vintage. So long had we lived with this wine, that to trade it for money was painful.

It was a piece of our history, our passion, labour and luck we were selling.

