

Avondale Camissa 2011

A blend of two flavourful varieties, Camissa arrest the nose with rose petals, scented pelargonium and fresh red fruits of the earth. Hints of Turkish Delight and lemon zest attest to the perfect acidity of this wine; for Camissa may appear sweet but it finishes completely dry.

THE NAME

Camissa is the Khoi San name for Table Mountains, meaning "place of sweet water". We have called our gorgeous, fresh Rose wine Camissa as a reflection of Avondale's gratitude for the blessing of having pure spring waters flowing to our vines.

variety : Muscat de Frontignan | 60% Muscat de Frontignan, 40% Mourvèdre

winery : Avondale Farm

winemaker : Corne Marais

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.39 ta : 5.9 g/l va : 0.46 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded** **organic**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Drink immediately or age up until 2016.

in the vineyard : Viticulturist: Johnathan Grieve

Vineyards: 21 year old vines

Yield of 4 tons per hectare

about the harvest: Camissa is made from 60% Muscat de Frontignan and 40% Mourvèdre grapes. The vines are 21 years old, naturally cultivated and certified organic. They have a low yield of 4 tons per hectare of high quality fruit with intense flavours.

The grapes were picked at between 22 and 23° Balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were picked at between 22° and 23° Balling. The Muscat grapes were de-stemmed and left on the skins in the stainless tank for 3 or 4 days, with a stirring once or twice a day until natural fermentation started. The Mourvedre grapes were pressed as whole bunches, settled and fermented in the stainless steel tank at 18° to 20° Celsius. The varieties were then co-fermented and kept on the lees for 9 months.