

Morgenster Tosca 2011

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 | 60% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Henry Kotzé

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.67 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.53 g/l va : 0.70 g/l

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

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

Tim Atkin 2014: 91 points

John Platter 4 stars

in the vineyard : Owner Giulio Bertrand continues to produce limited quantities of excellent Italian wines in South Africa from Italian varieties. The 2011 vintage is the eighth crop from his prized 1.8 hectare vineyard of Sangiovese. As he named his three Italian Collection wines according to his favourite operas and singer, it was inevitable that this wine would be called Tosca, being made in the Super Tuscan style from a blend of Sangiovese with traditional Bordeaux grapes.

Winemaker Henry Kotzé says he approached the 2011 vintage with new eyes, having visited Italy on a couple of occasions to meet the iconic producers in the Chianti Classico region to gain insights into what Sangiovese can do. Tosca 2011 is a classically styled wine of depth and complexity only starting on its path of evolution.

Vineyard: Stellenbosch

Region: Helderberg ward

Vintage Conditions

The 2011 harvest was an excellent one, though very dry. Monitoring the physiological stress of the vines and flavour development in the ripening berries was critical.

in the cellar : Maturation: 17 months in tight grain French oak barrels (20% new)

Bottled on 26 November 2012.

