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Springfield Estate The Work of Time 2008

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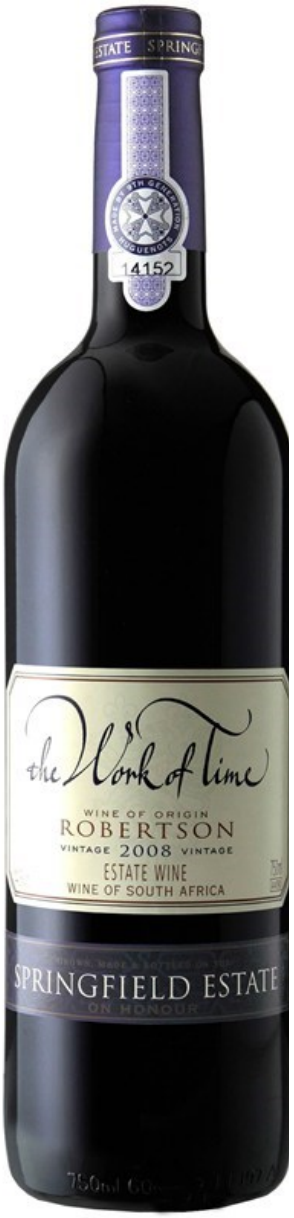

variety : Cabernet Franc | 31% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot
winery : Springfield Estate
winemaker : Abrie Bruwer
wine of origin : Robertson
analysis : **alc :** 14.16 % vol **rs :** 2.8 g/l **pH :** 3.46 **ta :** 6.5 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :

Time – The lost element in today's winemaking, can be so precious – yet it is free. It was our desire to produce a Bordeaux Blend and so we planted the classic varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. These vines were planted on carefully selected sites and took 9 years to reach a level of maturity which we felt comfortable to use for the maiden vintage (2001).

Slope: very gentle, southerly
Soil: chalk, calcrete formations
Climate: moderate summer with low night temperatures, cold winter
Wind: south easterly (summer)

about the harvest: Harvested at full seed ripeness.

in the cellar :

The grapes were fermented whole with native yeasts (true to our ancient custom) and left for 5 weeks on their skins. A slow 2 years of barrel maturation followed and a further 4 years of bottle maturation. Finally, we released this wine rich, classic and complex from age – of vines and wine. This long wait, justified only by our passion, does bear fruit. It's called-"The Work of Time".

Cold macerated uncrushed in open fermenters for 10 days.
Punched through 3 times daily.
3 Weeks alcoholic fermentation; only free run used.
100% Malolatic fermentation spontaneously in barrel.
24 Months barrel maturation in 1st and 2nd fill.
Sequin Moreau 300 litre.
4 years bottle maturation at 14°C.
Filtration: none
Bottling: Unfiltered, unfined, unstabilised