

The Drift Mary le Bow 2011

A warm rich red colour in the glass. Beautiful complex nose of blackcurrant, cassis and mulberry fruits meld with a hint of buchu and juniper. These characters follow through to the palate. Layer upon layer of flavour reveals rich mulberry, cassis and mocha flavours. Pure elegance and sophistication.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Shiraz, 23% Petit Verdot, 8% Malbec

winery : The Drift Estate

winemaker : Bruce Jack and Gerhard Swart

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.45

type : Red

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

From the Label

Kenneth Frater wanted to grow beautifully balanced vines in a spectacular, secluded mountain kloof. This kloof was blessed with rich, well-drained ancient soils. High up into the brooding mountain, the climate is characterised by biting, cold winters and sun-downer inducing summers.

He wanted to make a wine that reflected this compelling beauty, while effortlessly displaying the hallmarks of the great wines (many of them European) he had enjoyed throughout his remarkable life. He dreamed of a wine that almost trembled with power, but never needed to flex its muscle to be enjoyed.

in the vineyard : The Mary le Bow red wine blend is a farm-designate red blend consisting of Cabernet, Shiraz, Petit Verdot or Merlot and sometimes (in exceptional years) Cabernet Franc – all in varying proportions, depending on the vintage characteristics of the year.

This wine comes from the spectacular, top-quality wine farm called Wildepaardekloof ("wild horse valley"), tucked into the mountains high above the rural hamlet of Ashton in the Robertson wine ward. The aspect is South West and East facing. The soils are mostly devigorating, mineral-rich, ancient, decomposed granite.

in the cellar : Availability

This wine is made in very limited quantities, usually only 300 six packs a year. Please contact us if you would like to be put on the wine club annual allocation list.

