

Keet Wines First Verse 2011

The Cabernet Franc adds the spicy, restrained elegance and fine-grained tannins, the Merlot introduces plum and red berry flavours, the Cabernet Sauvignon provides rigidity with firm tannins and black berry and cassis flavours. The rich and ripe mulberry flavours of the Malbec are balanced by the fresh red berry acidity from the Petit Verdot.

Harmony, elegance and power sum this wine up.

Enjoy the wine with poultry, red meat, even a seared tuna steak or mature cheese.

variety : Cabernet Franc | 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc, 13% Petit Verdot, 10% Malbec

winery : Keet Wines

winemaker : Chris Keet

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis :

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity

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

Acclaimed British wine writer, Tim Atkin MW gave the 2011 First Verse a score of 95 points out of 100 which placed the wine in the top 60 SA wines tasted in his annual SA wine report. The 2011 First Verse was awarded four-and-a-half stars in the 2015 edition of the Platter Wine Guide.

in the vineyard : The grapes are sourced from some of the finest vineyards in the Stellenbosch area. The Cabernet Sauvignon mainly from the Simonsberg, the Cabernet Franc from the Helderberg, and the Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot from the greater Stellenbosch area. An understanding of this special terroir, meticulous site selection and attention to detail in the vineyards is crucial to ensure that the very best quality grapes come in to the cellar.

in the cellar : In order to produce great wine I believe one has to have a deep understanding of terroir combined with precision viticulture. Winemaking I believe should involve the combination of tradition, modern technology, science, art and passion.

The grapes were fermented on the skins to extract the grape flavours, colour and tannins. Thereafter the wine was matured in the finest French oak barrels for 18 months, blended and bottled.

