

Orange River Cellars Omstaan Rooi Muscadel

Orange River Cellars presents South Africa's first multi-vintage Muscadel

Full-bodied and well-balanced, the inviting dried apricots, citrus, honeycomb, Turkish delight and hints of oak fills the mouth with a long lingering sweet ending. Orange red in colour with hints of citrus, hazelnut, honey, oak and raisins on the nose.

Enjoy in the winter next to the fire with tappas or as a refreshing ice cold drink in summer.

variety : Muscat de Frontignan | Muscat de Frontignan

winery : Orange River Cellars

winemaker : Johan Dippenaar

wine of origin : Northern Cape

analysis : alc : 16.14 % vol rs : 273.5 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 4.4 g/l

type : Dessert **style :** Sweet **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : 0 **size :** 500ml **closure :** Cork

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The idea was born from a halted harvest post a rainstorm some 10 years ago. Unfortunately, the batch of grapes harvested were relatively small and so we were necessitated, since we don't have a small tank, to stomp the grapes by foot! It was fun, experimental and created some lovely camaraderie in the cellar. We had no expectation, yet once in wood, the wine displayed beautifully and so originated the idea of keeping some grapes aside each year to eventually blend as a multiple-vintage Muscadel.

It took us over a week of tastings, sampling and re-evaluating each vintage years' tasting notes, and selecting only one barrel per vintage, before we found the perfectly balanced blend.

This wine is incredibly special to us and although I believe there is a time and place for a single vintage wine, innovation lies in the blending of multiple-vintages. With this blend we are truly expressing a sense of place, the terroir, the unique landscape of the Green Kalahari and the character of each vintage year enjoyed as a collective.

in the vineyard : Muscat de Frontignan grapes are selected from parcels of land that are renowned for their properties to deliver berries very suitable for classic muscat flavours.

in the cellar :

In a first for South Africa, this wine contains the best barrels from 10 different vintages. Each year wines were tasted and scored. Only the best barrel from each vintage became part of the final blend.

