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Klawer Villa Esposto Straw Wine 2022

Villa Esposto, wine range, pays tribute to the many Italians who have played such a pivotal role in South Africa, not only in the field of winemaking but also in various civil engineering projects. In particular, it pays homage to Louis Theodore Esposto, who arrived from Italy in 1914. Louis and many other Italians built the water canal, that today is a vital "fountain of life" in our wine-growing region, Olifants River.

This dessert wine can be enjoyed on its own. It also pairs well with desserts such as malva pudding and pairs wonderfully with matured cheese such as blue cheese.



variety : Muscat dAlexandrie | 100%
winery : Klawer Wine Cellars
winemaker : Wine making team
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 11.93 % vol **rs :** 229.1 g/l **pH :** 3.69 **ta :** 7.0 g/l **va :** . g/l
type : Red **style :** Sweet **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : 3 to 5 years

It all started in 1969 when Basie van Lill and some guys from school had a plan. They decided to plant Muscat de Alexandre on own roots, trained as bush vines and of course with no irrigation, because of the unique climate of the mountains and very good care from the owner, the vines survived 52 vintages and are still going strong. Grapes were handpicked and dried in the sun for 2 weeks. During this process the sugar content increases with up to 20 balling. The grapes were so *nice*, it had to be pressed *twice*, to extract all the goodness. At this high sugar, fermentation is a challenge for any yeast. However, the yeast declared the wine perfect at 18% sugar and stopped fermenting the sugar. The wine is then left to settle naturally, stabilized, filtered and bottled to preserve all the natural goodness.

in the vineyard : Grapes were handpicked and dried in the sun for 2 weeks.

about the harvest: This range is made from bush vine vineyards, on the farm *Arbeideind (Basie van Lill)* We use 2nd and 3rd fill, French oak barrels for the fermentation process. We're also part of the *Old Vine Project*, as these vineyards-age ranges from 35+ years.

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