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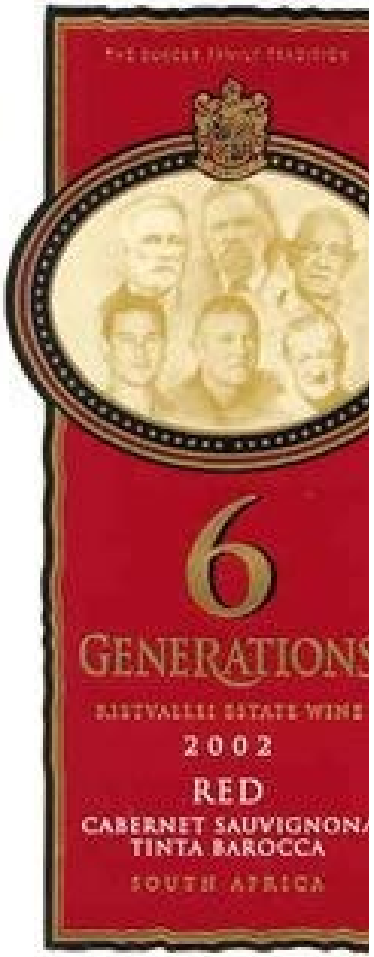
Rietvallei 6 Generations Red 2002

This is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Tinta Barocca (The infamous Portuguese Port vine). A wine with lots of attractive fruit flavours on the nose and which also carries through nicely on the palate with a hint of spicyness. It is smooth and well balanced with a touch of toastiness and lingering aftertaste.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Tinta Barocca
winery : Rietvallei Wine Estate
winemaker : Johnny Burger
wine of origin : Breede River
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.25 g/l **pH :** 3.89 **ta :** 5.59 g/l **va :** 0.49 g/l
pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : The Cabernet vineyards are planted on the highest hill of Rietvallei, called Klippiesdal and are between 3 and 12 years old. These vines thrive in the crisp, clean Klein Karoo air.

about the harvest: The grapes were picked at 24-25Â° Balling.

in the cellar : After destemming and slight crushing the mash was taken to open fermenters where traditional methods are still implemented. During fermentation the cap was regularly wetted by the traditional method of pushing the skins down into the must by hand every two hours. This together with pumping-over of the must onto the skins allowed the colour and flavour to be extracted very effectively. After approximately four days of fermenting it was pressed at approximately 8Â° Balling and taken to stainless steel tanks where it completed alcoholic fermentation. French oak was introduced to the wine in the form of staves in the stainless steel tanks and left to mature for several months before bottling.