

STELLENBOSCH
ANWILKA
SOUTH AFRICA



ANWILKA 2008

Varieties 48% Syrah
42% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot

Quantity 40'000 bottles
Bottling 13-14 July 2009
1st vintage 2005

Vineyards

- In the prime red wine area of the Helderberg in Stellenbosch.
- Pronounced maritime influence due to proximity to False Bay ensures cooling breezes throughout the warm summer.
- Soils are medium potential, leading to favourably low vine vigour.
- Particular emphasis on viticulture has produced consistently healthy vineyards, and hydric stress avoided by minimal irrigation.
- Yields in the 2008 vintage were managed by rigorous pruning and green harvesting resulting in low yields of 6 tons/ha (40hl/ha).

Winemaking

- Grapes were harvested in small crates in March/first week of April 2008.
- Bunches were sorted before destemming, and the berries re-sorted prior to crushing, with the crusher positioned above the stainless steel conical tanks to allow gravity-feeding.
- Lengthy pump-overs and extended maceration ensured gentle extraction of ripe polyphenols.
- Wines were matured separately in 50% new French oak for 6 months before being blended together, and spent a further 9 months in oak before bottling.

Analyses

Alc: 14.5%Vol
TA: 3.90 g/l (H₂SO₄)
pH: 3.77
RS: 2.68 g/l

Tasting note & Press

A blend 48% Syrah, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot and aged in oak for 15 months, the 2008 Anwilka has a glossy, well-defined bouquet that is rather taciturn at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with a lactic entry; touches of dark chocolate and mocha at first, interwoven with blackberry and boysenberry fruit. The texture is a little "furry" but it is endowed with a satisfying, silky finish. Cellar this for 2-3 years and wait for those secondary flavours. Drink 2013-2020- Neal Martin

eRobertParker.com- Aug 2011- 90 points

Bright, saturated ruby-red. Reluctant but pure aromas of cassis, blackberry, licorice, bitter chocolate, espresso and spicy oak. Then pliant, lush and deep, with terrific inner-mouth energy and violet perfume to lift the dark berry flavors. The tannins saturate the palate and front teeth without coming across as dry. Classy, polished wine--the best yet from the team of Bruno Prats, Hubert de Boüard and Lowell Jooste. The co-owners have increased their wine's Syrah percentage to great effect, as this 2008 avoids the green notes of earlier vintages without showing any Syrah rusticity. *Stephen Tanzer*

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 2011- 92 points

The excellent 2008 vintage exhibits a deeply colored core, edged by a brightly youthful ruby rim. Enticing aromas of oak spice and violets precede vivid redcurrant and damson flavours, framed by supple tannins, and carried by a fine thread of acidity to a pleasingly long, fresh and complex finish. Fruit, tannin and acidity show seamless integration in this youthful wine that you can start to enjoy from from 2012.
Tasted in April 2011.