



STELLENBOSCH

# ANWILKA

SOUTH AFRICA

In 1997, Lowell Jooste, former co-owner of Klein Constantia Estate- famous worldwide since the 17<sup>th</sup> century-, purchased the vineyards of Anwilka located 7 kilometers from the ocean in Stellenbosch's prime Helderberg region.

A total of 39 ha of vineyard has been replanted since 1998, comprising of Cabernet Sauvignon (58 %), Shiraz (34%), Merlot (4%) and Petit Verdot (4%).

Stellenbosch is recognized as the Cape's premium red wine producing district. The significant maritime influence in the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch enables to produce fruit of exceptional quality.

Particular attention was paid to the matching of grape varieties to terroir. The relatively poor soils allow growing vines of low vigor in good sanitary conditions. A gentle slope contributes to drainage during the winter rains. Minimal irrigation and good water retention avoid excessive hydric stress.

In 2005, the first vintage of Anwilka was born from the partnership between Lowell Jooste, Bruno Prats and Hubert de Boüard who joined forces to create this new winery. Bruno Prats successfully directed Cos-d'Estournel, the leading Médoc 2<sup>nd</sup> Growth, for 28 years and under de Boüard, Chateau Angélus achieved St-Émilion first-growth status. Thanks to the experience of the two accomplished Bordeaux winemakers, Anwilka Vineyards produces wines whose elegance and finesse balance the natural power of the wines from the Stellenbosch region.

In June 2012, following the departure of Lowell Jooste, Klein Constantia and Anwilka Vineyards merged to form a new company, Klein Constantia (Pty) Ltd. Each vineyard will keep its brand identity, the Constantia estate will continue to specialize in its cool climate style of wines while the Stellenbosch farm focuses on fuller bodied reds.

The vineyards are run by manager Piet Neethling and the wine made by young South African oenologist Jean du Plessis under the close direction of Bruno Prats and Hubert de Boüard. Hans Astrom is now the new General Manager of Klein Constantia (Pty) Ltd.



*"Fabulous...this is the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa...This debut release...is world class stuff, exceptional wine..."*

*Robert Parker*