

# DELHEIM

South Africa

## WHITE MUSCADEL 2008 – 60 YEARS OF WINEMAKING AT DELHEIM.



The first wine ever made at Delheim in Stellenbosch in 1948 was a white Muscadel so it was particularly pleasing that the 2008 Muscat de Frontignon was so outstanding.

Back in 1948, it was very difficult to source proper wine bottles so Delheim's first wine was presented in beer bottles instead. Only small quantities of the 2008 Muscat de Frontignon will be sold - this time in wine bottles - exclusively in the Delheim Downstairs Tasting Cellar.

The overall quality of the Muscat de Frontignon harvest, which was late in the season on 28 March 2008 with 34.3 balling, was exceptionally good with a mix of healthy grapes, raisins and berries that were packed with botrytis - and with no wastage at all.

Every year, the Delheim winemaker, Brenda van Niekerk, has the chance to produce something different, something that's interesting and special and not necessarily an existing product in the Delheim range. Normally all the Muscat grapes are picked at a low Balling for blending into a low alcohol wine but when Brenda realized the quality of the 2008 Muscat, she decided to pick some at a higher Balling in order to make something deliciously sweet.

Whole bunches went directly into the press for overnight skin contact. After pressing, fermentation was endorsed by the use of a selected yeast strain. At the desired sugar level, fortification then took place. To respect the fruit, no wood treatment was given.

Only 3 320 bottles were produced and will be available at R95 per bottle.

### TASTING COMMENTS

Delheim Muscat de Frontignon 2008 is concentrated with floral scents, backed by white peach and raisins and a twist of marmalade. The wine has a good sugar/acid balance with a crisp and lively finish.

### ANALYSIS

: Sugar: 207g/l Alc: 16 vol. % pH: 3.66 Total Acidity: 4.96 g/l

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