



Franschoek Vineyards Semillon dazzles at Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show

Semillon, the white grape known for its alluring fruit profile and complexity of flavour, is not quite as familiar with wine consumers in South Africa as in its native France. Locally it is rather better known as a blending grape with especially Sauvignon Blanc, but a single varietal rendition from Franschoek Cellar has left the judges spellbound at this year's Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show. The Franschoek Vineyards Semillon 2014 was crowned as the best example of the cultivar at this year's competition, receiving the Trophy for Best Semillon at the awards ceremony earlier this week.

The grapes used to produce this winning wine comes from a remarkable block of 75 year-old bush vines. The complexity and intensity of flavour yielded by the fruit of these elegant old vines prompted the team to develop a single varietal offering. Selected fruit from a younger 15-year old block is also added to the final blend for a supplementary aromatic, fresh dynamic.

The inherent depth and body of the wine makes for ideal enjoyment with fine gourmet and it is a versatile partner for a number of dishes ranging from fresh linefish or grilled calamari,

This superb accolade certainly proves what many wine enthusiasts have long known – that Semillon can stand on its own as a captivating, multi-dimensional wine when given the necessary care in both the vineyard and cellar. And for Franschoek Cellars it has become a distinguished thoroughbred in its stable.

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