



# LEOPARD FROG vineyards

Couture Cape Wines from Stellenbosch, South Africa



## APHRODITE AFRICA

### Proprietor's Private Release 2004

Aphrodite Africa is the first South African Cabernet Franc aged for an unprecedented 60 months in new French wood. A once-off offering from grapes hand-picked and hand-selected from a single bloc of old vines on the ocean-facing slopes of the Helderberg Mountains in Stellenbosch, Aphrodite Africa was hand-crafted to deliver an unusual and unique lifestyle experience worthy of its namesake.

Named after the goddess of love, beauty and sexuality and depicted through a provocative painting of a smouldering Samburu maiden by renown South African artist Velaphi Mzimba, this private release honours the past, present and future generations of women in our family through a timeless offering as complex, compelling and captivating as the women in our lives.

#### Winemaker's Notes

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Varietal	Cabernet France
Vintage	2004 (once-off)
Winemaker	David John Bate
Production	5 barrels
Bottle Size	750 ml
Yield	3.5 t/ha
•Balling/Harvest	23 û
Alcohol	14.5 %/vol
Residual Sugar	2.5 g/l
TA	5.6 g/l
VA	0.7 g/l
FSO <sub>2</sub>	27 mg/l
pH	3.57
Maturation	60 month barrel maturation with MLF (la malo) in barrels in new French wood (Nevers) of medium plus toast followed by 24 month bottle aging prior to release
UPC	6009812400774 (individual bottle)
SCC	06009812400781 (case of 12 bottles)

#### Tasting Notes

##### Appearance

Deep dark dimensions of blood red and imperial purple extend to a maroon rim pushing a ruby edge. Brilliant lustre and luminosity with long legs and notable colour extraction foreshadow a voluptuous personality that invites immediate interest.

##### Nose

Seductive scents of dark brooding fruit such as blackberries and blueberries intermingle with top notes of bell peppers and paprika in a large yet nuanced nose. Hints of caramel and fire-cured long leaf cigar tobacco allude to substantial oak pedigree.

##### Taste

Like the warm embrace of a familiar lover, satisfying sensations of brambly blackberries, black plums and flambéed cherries excite the early palate in a substantial yet supple opening that yields to whispers of roasted red peppers, pomegranates and orange peel which tickle the mid-palate in the most pleasing ways. Wisps of cassis and cocoa deliver a smooth and sensuous farewell that caresses the back of your mouth as if the last lingering breath of a long kiss.