

Old World Elegance, New World Verve

Stellenbosch, South Africa

## **TANTRA**

## **Limited Release 2004**

Tantra orchestrates the sensuality and staying power of Old World varietals within a New World arrangement. A harmonious union of three benchmark Bordeaux standards hand-harvested, hand-selected and hand-crafted into an intense yet balanced couture red blend, Tantra delivers an exceptional lifestyle experience pleasing to the mind, body and soul.



Nose

## Winemakers' Notes

Vintage

Cabernet Franc (44%) Cabernet Sauvignon (32%) Varietal

Petit Verdot (24%)

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch David John Bate Winemaker 16 Barrels Production 750 ml Bottle Sizes Yield 7 t/ha °Balling/Harvest 24 û

14.56 %/vol Alcohol Residual Sugar 3.37 g/l TΑ 5.7 q/l VA  $0.68 \, g/I$ FSO<sub>2</sub> 30 mg/l рΗ 3.49

18 months French oak (Nevers) Oak

Combination of new wood and second fill wood Maturation Barrel matured with MLF (la malo) in barrels

LIPC. 6009812400057 (individual bottles) 06009812400064 (cases of 12 bottles) SCC

## Tasting Notes

Swirling hues of deep, dark garnet extend to a light purple rim pushing a watery edge. Clear, **Appearance** brilliant lustre and luminosity. Long legs, notable colour extraction foreshadow full bodied wine.

> Alluring aromas of black cherries, sweet black plum compote, cassis, liquorice, melted black chocolate and sweet spices yield to top notes of vanilla, coffee and cinnamon stick. Whiffs of

cedarwood hint at established oak pedigree. Complex bouquet lingers nicely on nose.

Taste Rounded tannins and crisp acidity uplift fruit within sensuous and silky mouth filling palate. Initial intensity of flavours include orchard cherries, spiced black currants, Christmas pudding and Dutch black liquorice finessed by mid-palate nuances of pencil shavings and seared meat with trailing

notes of cedar smoke, ground black pepper and cloves. Hint of caramel in sultry, lingering farewell.

Observations

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