

WINE

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EDITOR'S CHOICE

FIONA McDONALD SELECTS THE CANNIEST PURCHASES FROM ALL THE WINES REVIEWED BY OUR EXPERT PANELS IN THIS MONTH'S BLIND-TASTING REPORTS

SMART INVESTMENT



SCOOP ON LOVER'S SECRET...

The odds of any local wine enthusiasts being familiar with Leopard Frog wines are slim. As yet, they are not sold in SA despite being very much a product of some superlative Stellenbosch fruit. Proprietor and winemaker, Dave Bate (above), has been marketing the Tantra Limited Release and Kiss and Tell Reserve 2004 – both red blends – exclusively in the northern climes of Canada, but has negotiated miniscule distribution locally for June (see how they rated in our tasting on page 86). Only 16 barrels of each wine were produced. Expect a bottle of each to retail for approximately R125.

For more information visit www.leopard-frog.com

LEOPARD FROG TANTRA LIMITED RELEASE 2004

★★★★★

R125

It's a Cab Franc, Cab Sauv and Petit Verdot blend. Heaps of plums, sour cherry and fruitcake over earthy, dark flavours. Delicious but serious too. Name's great – delay the gratification because the wine can go the distance too...

LEOPARD FROG TANTRA LIMITED RELEASE 2004

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICE: R125

Cab F, Cab S, Petit V. Whiffs of coffee and sour cherry. Full-bodied palate with dark fruitcake and spice. Excellent balance. Firm tannin. Load of potential. Wait for 1 – 2 years and drink over next 4.

DH 16 CF 16 JP 15.5 GM 15.5 FM 16

LEOPARD FROG KISS & TELL RESERVE 2004

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICE: R125

Shiraz, Merlot, Malbec, Mourvèdre. Blackberry and plum nose. Pepper, spice, cherries and smoke in the mouth. Lovely texture. Dry tannins, good intensity and complexity. Lots of development to come. Drink over 3 – 6 years.

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