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LEOPARD FROG  
A TRULY BESPOKE WINERY

THE WORLD OF  
PIERRE CORTHAY

DISAPPEARED EMPIRE

LIVING A BESPOKE LIFESTYLE



Two of the labels for the Private Release wines: Midnight Maasai, and Aphrodite Africa

Leopard Frog wines are as much unpretentious as they are unique. Award-winning winemaker and proprietor of this private cellar in Stellenbosch, David Bate, insists on only producing a handful of barrels of unique wines not found anywhere else in the world.

Founded in 2005 by this visionary winemaker, a 4th generation Canadian and the 13th recorded generation of the Bate family of English and Swiss descent to work the lands of Europe, North America, Australia and Africa, was the passion that brought Leopard Frog to the world of wine connoisseurs.

Leopard Frog's wines are unique, as they handcraft a petite portfolio of award-winning wines in a limited quantity for limited release.

Their offerings combine a select handful of premium varietals, grown on family-owned farms in the heart of the historic wine capital of Stellenbosch, to create unusual wines that deliver a truly enjoyable and exclusive lifestyle experience, sure to please the eyes, body and soul in the most satisfying ways.

David's craftsmanship combines his Old World heritage and New World upbringing into offerings that delivers an immediately gratifying experience, but promises a more complex and compelling relationship over time. David

handcrafts iconic wines that integrate the structure and sophistication of Old World varietals with the sensuality and approachability of New World varietals within complex yet well balanced couture Cape wines that are pleasing to the mind and soul.

To achieve such arrangements, Leopard Frog combines premium varietals, which have been grown on these properties for over 300 years. The ensuing confluence of historical terroir and high quality viticulture, bestows upon Leopard Frog wines their unique identity and character, particularly the nuances of fruits, spices and herbs found within every bottle of wine.

David has created the United Nations of Wine, an international private cellar dedicated to producing high quality, earth-friendly wines in innovative packaging formats that help save the planet.

Leopard Frog is a Fairtrade® certified producer. They promote sustainable production partnerships and ethical trading relationships that help alleviate poverty, ensure better trading, working and living conditions for their farmers and help improve and protect the environment for all of us.

David's dedicated philosophy is to handcraft couture Cape wines that integrate the best qualities of Old World and



New World experiences. "Old World wine is like a classic low effort that considers with the promise of longer to come, while New World wine is like a passionate quickie that immediately gratifies the senses. I create wines that deliver the best of both experiences: big, bold, bed-resting sensations on the first taste and even greater pleasures over time." He creates a truly enjoyable but exclusive lifestyle experience within each bottle of Leopard Frog wine. "I am at heart a connoisseur of noble wines. My creations are designed to unfold a multitude of sensations to touch your mind, body and soul in the most pleasurable ways."

Their Limited Release wines are different and represent unusual combinations of cultivars. They represent single varietals matured in unusual ways using unusual techniques that honour the oldest and finest traditions of the winemaking guild. They are wines that celebrate the uniqueness of life, in only a handful of barrels of their Limited Release wines, and, they represent wines that you will not find anywhere else in the world.

David typically makes only one vintage of the Limited Release wines, but made a handful of vintages of three of their early releases because he enjoyed them so much. Each of their award-winning Limited Release wines is full of life. Their vibrant personalities and distinct character afford you unique and unusual wine experiences sure to touch your mind and soul in many different ways.

The Private Release wines feature labels with paintings by renowned South African artists that pay homage to the importance of family and friends, and to the enjoyment of food and wine. They are a celebration of life. The Private Release wines are matured in barrels and bottles for exceptionally long lengths of time rarely seen in the today's fast-paced wine world. This patient craftsmanship produces wines with unparalleled complexity and smoothness due to the prolonged co-mingling between the tannins and the oak within each barrel of wine.

Private Release wines are once-off creations never to be made again as they only produce a maximum of five barrels of any Private Release wine.

These award-winning wines are reserved principally for the winemaker, his family and friends, with only a

'The best things in life are unique experiences.'



limited number of these exceptional wines released on a highly allocated basis to select clients.

Kiss & Tell, Tantra, Tribe, Spellbinding, Singularity and Triflation are a few of the thought provoking names in the Limited Release wines. While Midnight Maasai, Aphrodite Africa and Diva are names from the Private Release wines.

It is quite usual for Leopard Frog wines to be awarded Double Gold awards at the best events, but they have also received a lion's share of Gold Awards at most of the world's most prestigious competitions such as the New York International Wine Competition, Berlin Wine Trophy, UPM Raffaele Wine and Spirit Labels of Excellence Awards, Michelangelo International Wine Awards and AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge.

As the only South African cellar to handcraft their own chocolates and cigars to complement their wines, Leopard Frog delivers a unique lifestyle experience sure to please all your senses.

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David proudly showing his collection of bespoke wines