



The Old Orchard Winery 2006 Sauvignon Rouge Tasting Notes

We've made another spectacular wine that most people have never heard of - SAUVIGNON ROUGE or PETIT VIDURE in French.

Petit Vidure is a contraction of Petite Vigne Dure which means Small Hardy Vine so named because of its small, tough berries.

The name Vidure is still used today in some parts of Bordeaux where the Medoc and Graves districts are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon.

If this is not one of the best wines you have ever tasted then it is certainly going to get better and better as our vintages are released.

The 2006 vintage is our first release and is based on having found details of this wine from Graham de Villiers' cellar Mont Rochelle in Franschoek - South Africa.

Basically this wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc. We tested a number of combinations and set our taste buds alight with a blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Sauvignon Blanc.

The initial characters may be described as "showing a tropical fruit and grassiness of Sauvignon Blanc, with the tannins, mouthfeel and berry complexity of the Cabernet Sauvignon"

Colour: Dark Ruby Red with a clear bright ruby and pink rim. Attractive deep red glow.

Nose: Open forthcoming punctuated by grassiness and rich tropical fruits which slowly retreat to reveal ripe red berries, black cherries, black currants, raspberries and light pepper spice. There's also a touch of red plum, minty cedar and bell peppers. Medium to Big complex with overall juicy fruit appeal.

Palate: "A touch of white wine on entry with a big red wine finish. Mouthfeel and entry of medium bodied Sauvignon Blanc lending tropical fruit and grassy characters. Mid Palate reasonably neutral. Juicy fruit, abundant acidity and well balanced tannins on the finish. Medium to long aftertaste with discernable spiciness.