



THELEMA

MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

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Thelema "Vin de Hel" Muscat Late Harvest (375ml) 2008

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MATURATION

With correct cellaring this late harvest will age exceptionally well for at least 10 years from date of vintage.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with dessert or some fine handcrafted cheeses.

VITICULTURAL PRACTICES

Varietal	Muscat de Frontignan
Root stock	R99
Soil type	Hutton – decomposed granite
Age of vines	Planted 1986
Plant density	3074 vines per hectare
Trellising	Vertical hedge
Pruning	2-bud spurs every 12cm
Yield	2.047 t/ha
Irrigation	Supplementary drip
Vintage	A cooler vintage with small spells of rain, resulting in a later-than-usual start to the harvest. The harvest was also longer than usual. Overall it was a very good year, with elegant and concentrated flavours.
Picking date	4th April
Grape sugar	39.34 °B
Acidity	4.29 g/l
pH at harvest	4.08

WINEMAKING PRACTICES

Yeasts	WE14
Fermentation temp	14 °C
Method	De-stalk, crush, overnight skin-contact with skin contact enzymes, pressed, settled and fermented in stainless steel tank. Fermentation was stopped at around 10% Alcohol leaving the wine with a residual sugar of 167.13 g/l.

WINE DETAILS

Residual sugar	167.13 g/l
pH	3.4
Total acid	6.76 g/l
Alcohol	10.59% by volume
Maturation	2011 – 2018

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Beautiful rich golden colour with very typical Muscat characters on the nose complemented by some undertones of citrus and apricot. Superb mouthfeel with bags of flavour which is backed up with a good balance of acid. Vin de Hel is an elegant, concentrated and delicious wine to enjoy with dessert or some fine handcrafted cheeses.

