

Louis Latour Agencies

WINES WITH PERSONALITY

2007 South African Vintage Report

A cool winter with good rainfall levels set the scene for a good start to the growing season. Spring was generally warm with vigorous growth necessitating the need for careful canopy management. After spring showers, the season was warm and dry resulting in healthy grapes free from rot and mildew. A heat wave at the beginning of the harvest was tempered by cool nights allowing grapes to develop and not lose acidity. Rain in February helped the later ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon. Overall the cooler spring and warm summer allowed grapes to ripen fully with good concentration and colour but with lower sugar levels than normal.

Paarl

An excellent vintage for red wines. A good winter dormancy period, good water levels and a fantastic growing season have produced red wines with excellent concentration and intensity.

Stellenbosch

A cooler season with a long drawn out harvest allowing grapes to be brought in at their peak. The fairly dry season helped to keep vineyards relatively disease free. The slightly cooler weather really benefited earlier varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc which are balanced and aromatic.