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"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something". Sandra Day O'Connor



The above quote rings a note of truth for me as my personal and winemaking philosophy is that success depends on the true 'tapestry' of input from a variety of sources.

Since the launch of First Verse in November 2011, I have been grateful for the incredible support and praise my wine has received. Cathy Marston, in the Cape Times rated it as her best red wine of 2011; Neil Pendock penned it as "a most remarkable wine" and "a liquid showcase of the best vineyards of Stellenbosch". Emile Joubert can be quoted as saying "I have tasted South Africa's best red wine...".

Be sure to dent the stock of 2009 First Verse at prestigious restaurants such as Rust en Vrede, Ernie Els's Big Easy, Delaire Graff and The One and Only in Cape Town when next you are out fine dining.

The name 'First Verse' was conceived by the creative mind of my British mate, Nigel Lemmon, which has earned him a complimentary case of First Verse for the next five years! It is the thought of anticipation, of new beginnings and of the magic of poetry that has made the name a firm favourite.

Adding to the tapestry is Anton Gerische and the G2 Design team who created the website for Keets Wines. Do have a look at the newly launched www.keetswines.co.za.

I am filled with eager anticipation of the 2012 harvest. Very moderate weather conditions from October to early January were ideal for restrained vine growth, flowering and set of the fruit. The mid-January heat wave was early enough not to frizzle away flavours. Colour development is uniform and varietal flavours showing promise.

I hope to nurture, extract and preserve elements for the 2012 First Verse blend that will add to its reputation of being a classic and bespoke wine.

Yours sincerely
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