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Background

Owner: Giulio Bertrand

Country: South Africa

Region: Stellenbosch

Founded: 1711

Description: One of South Africa's oldest wineries, Morgenster traces its history to the early 18th century. The estate has been owned by Italian fashion magnate Giulio Bertrand since 1992 who has upgraded the property extensively. In addition, since 1994, Pierre Lurton of Bordeaux's Chateau Cheval Blanc, has acted as consultant and has helped produce a string of exceptional and acclaimed wines.

Wine Notes – 2010 Morgenster Lourens River Valley Red Blend

Morgenster's Lourens River Valley is a red, Bordeaux-style blend using estate-grown grapes from Stellenbosch's Helderberg district. Unsurprisingly given the estate's affiliation with consultant Pierre Lurton, the blend is dominated by Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Lurton and winemaker Henry Kotze pursue a minimal-intervention approach to reflect the superb terroir.

Antonia Galloni
vinous - 90 points, Steven Tanzer (Sept 2015)
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Technical Specifications

Wine:	2010 Morgenster Lourens Valley Red Blend
Varietal Composition:	50% Cab Franc, 33% Merlot, 10% Cab Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot
Vineyard Region:	South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch
Vine Age / Yields:	10-20 year old vines
Vineyard Characteristics:	Mixture of decomposed granite, decomposed sandstone and shale, steep west and south west exposures
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested fruit, destemmed, fermented in stainless steel tanks for 2-3 weeks Cab sauvignon and merlot underwent malolactic fermentation 18 month aging in a mix of new (30%) and used 300 liter French oak barrels
Alcohol / Volume:	14.57%
Acidity:	6.3 g/l
pH:	3.49
Residual Sugar:	2.8 g/l

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Saturated ruby-red. Vibrant aromas of blackberry, licorice, shoe polish, clove, anise, minerals and herbs. Juicy, suave and pliant on the palate, with nicely delineated berry and licorice flavors complicated by herbs and spices. Finishes firmly tannic and persistent. Cheval Blanc director Pierre Lurton is consulting winemaker here, which may help to explain this wine's inner-mouth energy.

93 points – Tim Atkin, MW (2013)

Fresh vibrant red brick color. Typical Morgenster red berries and cassis on the nose. Classical cigar box still lingering in the background. Some sweet liquorish aromas and spicy cloves in complete harmony. Great entry with good sweet fruit and white chocolate on palate. Beautiful round supple tannins. Great balance and length to end off a well made wine. This wine will seamlessly integrate further into a masterpiece, like all before it.

4.5 Stars – John Platter