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FAIRVIEW**HOMTINI 2015****WINEMAKERS SELECTION**

Homtini translates as a 'difficult passage' in the long-forgotten Khoi language. The awesome Homtini pass, near Knysna, winds its way through indigenous forests to the now almost deserted Gouna settlement. This was once the home of my Italian ancestors, the Rabbolinis, who were silk farmers from Northern Italy. They immigrated to South Africa under the misconception that mulberry trees grew in abundance. On arrival they discovered that no mulberry trees existed, but through tenacity and hard work, they tamed the land and ultimately prospered in other trades, including winemaking. I honour the pioneering spirit of my forefathers with this wine, a blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot.



Anthony De Jager

**IN THE VINEYARD:**

The Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz grapes come from Fairview's Darling vineyards. They are dry-land farmed and planted in deep, oakleaf soils. Summer canopy management practices include suckering and leaf removal to ensure optimal sunlight penetration

HARVEST DATE:

The grapes were harvested from the 11th to 18th March 2015

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were gently crushed and destemmed. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks with pump-overs three times a day. After fermentation, the wines were matured for 16 months in 70% French and 30% American oak barrels. 20% new French oak was used.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS:

This is a special blend, an ideal food wine, and it tells a story I'm honoured to be a part of. – *Anthony de Jager*

TASTING NOTE:

Intense ruby red colour. Aromas of black cherries, pepper and dried Cape fynbos. A fresh, medium bodied palate with complex red fruit flavours and soft, silky tannins on the finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION:

A winner for any dinner party, Homtini will suit any Italian style dishes – be it rich tomato-based pastas or flavourful pork tenderloin.

RECOGNITION:

2015: 90 points - Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2017

2015: 91 points – Winemag.co.za 2017

2015: Double Gold - NWC/Top 100 South African Wine Awards 2017

2015: 4.5 Stars - Platter's South African Wine Guide 2017

2014: 91 points – Winemag.co.za 2016

Wine of Origin	Darling
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	3.1 g/l
Total acid	5.5 g/l
pH	3.50
Varieties	
Sangiovese	41%
Merlot	37%
Cabernet Sauvignon	15%
Shiraz	7%
Closure	Cork