

Mont Destin



Location/WO: Paarl ■ Map: Paarl & Wellington ■ Est/1stB 1998 ■ Tasting, sales & cellar tours by appt ■ Closed all pub hols ■ Open air wine bath ■ Owner(s) Ernest & Samantha Bürgin ■ Winemaker(s) Samantha Bürgin (May 1996) ■ Viticulturist(s) Bertus de Clerk (2006, consultant) ■ 10ha/7ha (cab, cinsaut, grenache, mourv, shiraz, viog) ■ 15t/1,000cs own label 80% red 20% white ■ IPW ■ PO Box 1237 Stellenbosch 7599 ■ info@montdestin.co.za ■ www.montdestin.co.za ■ S 33° 49' 58.9" E 018° 53' 27.8" ■ **T +27 (0)21-875-5870** ■ F +27 (0)21-875-5870

Samantha and Ernest Bürgin's Stellenbosch boutique cellar has become the exclusive wine supplier to Skoda/Volkswagen automobile shows and launches worldwide, and has begun exporting to the US (having established itself in Belgium, Germany and Canada). The focus has turned to producing a 'unique, fabulously elegant South African Rhône-style blend'. The couple's out-the-box thinking has already produced a singular form of pampering: al fresco bathing in wine; now they're contemplating a further indulgence - bathing in chocolate.

★★★★☆ **Destiny Shiraz** Stepping up from **06**, elegant & serious **07** (★★★★★) shows exhilarating pristine fruit expression, excellent weight, velvety texture & balance. Lengthy blackberry & black pepper finish bodes well for the future.

★★★★☆ **Passioné** Generous & clever blend led by shiraz, cinsaut & mourvèdre. **09**'s rich & earthy, blackberry fruit concentration balanced by firm ripe tannins, moreish conclusion. **08** sold out untasted.

★★★★☆ **Chenin Blanc** ✓ ☞ Crisp apple & lemon on unoaked **10**. Impressive concentration, creaminess from lees-ageing, smooth acidity abets lingering citrus finish.

11 Barrels ✓ ☞ ★★★★★ Shiraz & cinsaut-led unoaked blend a step up in **10**, accessible, light, spicy & fresh-fruited. — WB