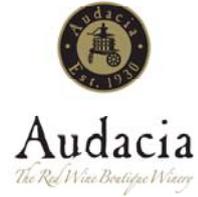


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## **Audacia winemaker takes gold and silver at Veritas 2013**

Audacia winemaker Michael van Niekerk was the proud recipient of both a gold and silver medal at the prestigious Veritas Awards ceremony held on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. The annual Veritas Awards give recognition to local South African wines of exceptional quality. Their distinctive symbol of excellence is also recognized worldwide, serving as an authoritative guideline for wine connoisseurs. Van Niekerk received gold for the Audacia History Cabernet Franc 2010 and silver for the Audacia Cabernet Sauvignon 2012.

Van Niekerk has worked as Audacia's winemaker since 2009. He is a graduate of Elsenburg Agricultural College and has completed degree courses in Cellar Technology, Cellar Management, Viticulture and Wine Science. He believes in making wine 'for people who love to drink wine,' and has an honest and pragmatic approach. He describes the limited release Cabernet Franc as a 'medium full-bodied red wine, well rounded with great colour intensity and creamy tannins. Bundles of aromatics open up with spices and mint that rolls over to clean fresh red fruit as the wine gets aired. Aromas give great support to the palate, with spicy undertones and clean ripe berries.' The Cabernet Sauvignon is described as 'exhibiting fresh mint and black current aromas on the nose, with vanilla undertones. The tannins are young, but elegant and well balanced on the palate with mint flavours and aromas.'

Audacia Wines may be purchased from the farm's tasting room. The venue operates Monday to Friday from 9am till 4 pm. They can also be purchased at the Audacia stall at the Root44 Market, held on the farm every Saturday and Sunday from 11am till 4 pm.

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