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South Africa's Most Celebrated Wines

Outstanding wines that deliver well beyond their price

Due east of Cape Town, South Africa, the backdrop of the Langeberg Mountains highlights rows of perfectly situated vineyards spilling down gentle slopes to one of the country's foremost wine producers, Robertson Winery, celebrated for producing wines of substance well beyond their price.

In less than 75 years, Robertson Winery has developed into a leader in the South African wine industry, backed by years of experience, knowledge, and family tradition.

Their story began almost three quarters of a century ago, when two grape growers, Giepie Rossouw and Alwyn Bruwer, convinced a number of local farming families to form a new venture, naming it after a Scottish minister, Dr William Robertson, who'd settled in the area. An abandoned missionary church served as their first winery, laying the foundation upon which the winery's reputation rests today. As testament to their fierce pride and loyalty, many of the founders' descendants continue to be part of the Robertson family, providing generation upon

generation of knowledge and expertise. The heart of Robertson lies in these families, who've situated their vineyards to take advantage of the cooling ocean breezes, as well as the wealth of soil types, from rich, alluvial banks of the Breede River, to shale and limestone on the mountain slopes.

The breadth and depth of climates and soil conditions has allowed Robertson to produce an astonishing range of wines considered exceptional values as evidenced by the number of 'Best Buy' designations awarded by the top US wine magazines, including nine by the Wine Enthusiast since 2008. The quality to price ratio is especially strong in the Robertson Winery Range, comprised of Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, and Gewürztraminer.

Robertson's commitment to producing exceptional wines with a real sense of place is well represented by Robertson Vineyard Selection. Sourced from single vineyard sites, the range includes the Phanto Ridge Pinotage, from a vineyard located in the foothills of the Langeberg Mountains and the Wolfkloof Shiraz, from a

vineyard owned by the same family since 1886.

In 2004, Robertson Winery introduced Number One Constitution Road Shiraz to commemorate ten years of democracy in South Africa under the new constitution. Selected from a single premier Robertson vineyard producing the very finest Shiraz grapes of that vintage, the wine is aged in oak barrels for an extended period of time, and represents the pinnacle of the entwined ideals of grape growing and winemaking.

With everything Robertson Winery has to offer, the world's wine lovers have taken notice. As Johann Meissenheimer, Managing Director of Indigo Wine Group, Robertson's US importer, stated, "As Robertson Winery approaches its 75th anniversary, it is important to note that the brand has evolved into a global presence, becoming the recognizable face of South African wine in 55 countries and across the United States.

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