

M·A·N *Family Wines*

Francois
Bezuidenhout

M·A·N
Winemaker

Early life:

Francois was born in Port Elizabeth, but grew up in Cape Town. His passion for wine started at age 11, while visiting a winery on a school trip.

Education:

BSc Viticulture and Oenology,
Stellenbosch University.

Life before M·A·N:

After graduating in 2006, Francois travelled abroad to see the world, working in Marlborough (New Zealand), Sonoma County (California, USA) and Stuttgart (Germany). After gaining valuable experience, he finally returned to South Africa in 2008.

M·A·N Winemaker:

In 2011, he started working for M·A·N Vintners where he had the opportunity to combine all his experience and travels up to that point. Shortly after starting at M·A·N, Francois married his German wife Jolene.



Career Highlights:

In 2012 Francois was nominated for Diners Club Young Winemaker of the Year Award.

Interesting facts:

Francois is in the process of completing his Cape Wine Masters, one of the highest formal qualifications in the South African Wine Industry, and is currently in his final year. He is an avid hockey player and also enjoys playing golf, reading a good book and traveling.

