

I COME FROM

Originally from France (60 000 hectares), but more widely drunk now in Spain

In Spain I'm known as Monastrell (100 000 hectares)

In Portugal they call me Mataro (30 000 hectares)

100 hectares in South Africa

I AM GOOD FOR

A blending component in the famous Chateauneuf-du-Pape

A popular blending partner for Grenache and Syrah

A base wine to add structure

I SMELL LIKE

Barnyard

Blackberry jam

Horses

Earthy

Rich, earthy, animalistic, pungent, slightly sweet and,
as always, all of these things in a good way.

I TASTE LIKE

If you smell any of the aromas to the right, you will taste it as well

Berry tart, blackberries, blueberries

Lots of dark fruit with just a touch of sweetness

Dry tannins

Tickle or sparkle on the tongue due to the slightly higher alcohol

I LIKE TO PAIR WITH

Despite the tannins, Mourvèdre just doesn't have the qualities to stand up to

South African beef or Karoo lamb.

Roast chicken slathered with herb (rosemary, sage and thyme) butter

Savoury meals

Roasted vegetables (add some herbs)

Dijon mustard-basted pork tenderloin