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## The “Mount Bullet” 2007 Release

Brothers James and Stuart Downes are proud to announce the release of their Shannon Vineyards “Mount Bullet” 2007.

Testament to the obvious winemaking potential, South Africa’s highly regarded winemakers are establishing vineyards in the Elgin Valley which has long been regarded as the apple & pear centre of South Africa. James and Stuart, both having been born and grown up in Elgin, are passionate about maximising the potential of the Elgin terroir, through their own wines.

*"At Shannon Vineyards, our focus on viticulture principles reflects our commitment to winemaking as an expression of terroir. The exceptional and unique 3 hectare Mount Bullet hillside vineyard along the Palmiet River is divided up into 5 different parcels each with its own respective clone. The soil, trellising and canopy management is constant through out the vineyard so it is the actual clonal characteristics that determine the different dates of harvest. Over the years we have learnt that there is as much as 11 days difference between picking the first clone to picking the last clone.*

*Every one of our five clones has an important role to play in the final blending so each parcel is vinified and matured separately. Minimal winemaking intervention such as natural ferment and only two “punch downs” daily, retain silkiness and elegance. Using a blend of 3 Bordeaux cooperages, the wine is 100% matured in barriques (225L) for 20 months. A tighter grain and medium toasted oak regime is preferred."*

Mount Bullet has enticing complex aromas of dark fruits and hints of orange chocolate followed by a mineral, earthiness. Good natural acidity ensures juicy freshness while the smooth elegant ripe tannin structure, rich in flavour, promises an opulent lingering finish.

Only 9 barrels were produced from the 2007 vintage, and the eagerly anticipated release of the Mount Bullet 2007 will see a limited

amount available directly from the farm, as allocated volumes have already been put in place for the domestic and international markets.

If you would like to place an order please contact Shannon Vineyards at [info@shannonwines.com](mailto:info@shannonwines.com).

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### WINE ANALYSES

Variety:	100% Merlot
Alcohol:	14
%	
Acidity :	6.12
g/l	
pH :	3.4
Residual sugar :	2.25 g/l