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Savanha Special Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

2007 John Platter Wine Guide - 3Â½ Stars
Veritas 2006 - Bronze
Dark plum in colour, the wine has a delicious nose of toasted nut, apricot and tobacco. The palate is firm yet accessible, with rich flavours of nut, raisin and chocolate.

Serve with subtly spiced red meat or pasta.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Savanha
winemaker : Kobie Viljoen en Frans Smit
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 4.4 g/l pH : 3.38 ta : 5.7 g/l
type : Red taste : Mineral wooded
pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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ageing : Enjoy now or within 7 years of harvest.

in the vineyard : **Climate**
Temperature: Winter 8/19Â°C; Summer 13/29Â°C
Annual Rainfall: 780 mm
Proximity to Ocean: 15 km

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Viticulture
Trellised, 7 year-old vines planted on east-facing slopes yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 7 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-harvested from selected vineyard blocks and meticulously sorted.

in the cellar : After cold soaking for 2-3 days at 13Â°-14Â°C, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks at 22Â°-26Â°C. Wines from specific tanks were then selected to undergo malolactic fermentation in oak barrels. The wine matured in French oak, with only the finest wine selected for blending and bottling.