

La Motte Millennium 2005

On the nose there are pleasant cherry, roasted nut and dark chocolate flavours. There is also a presence of cooked beetroot with clove and cinnamon spices in the background. The Cabernet Sauvignon dominance is distinctive in firm tannins on the palate, mixed with pomegranate flavours. The tannins have the promise of good maturation and will soften with time.

Complements any sumptuous meal. Best served with red meats, game, roast and noble, matured cheese.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

winery : La Motte

winemaker : Edmund Terblanche

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.85 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :

Origin

This wine originates from vineyards in the Walker Bay, Swartland, Franschhoek, Darling and Stellenbosch regions. Grapes from each of these regions make a unique contribution to the flavour components.

Vintage

For the second consecutive year, the regions from La Motte's Millennium components originate have experienced warmer and drier conditions than those over the long term. Ample cold weather was experienced towards the end of winter, followed by a hot spring. This caused the vineyards to bud faster and evenly. Vineyard growth was lush, probably caused by nitrogen deposits during thunder conditions, so regular canopy management was required. Harvesting was two weeks earlier than usual and the first grapes (Malbec) were received from Wellington on 9 February.

Grapes were very healthy and in a good condition and the harvest was characterised by good colour and concentration. The last grapes (Cabernet Sauvignon) were harvested in the Stellenbosch region on 17 March.

Viticulture

The vineyards all have unique macro climates and grow in a large variety of soil types. All the vineyards are trellised according to the Perold system and managed to be perfectly balanced in leaf cover and yield. Thanks to the different terroirs, each area produces grapes with specific characteristics, allowing the wines from each area to make a unique contribution in flavour and structure.



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