

La Motte Hanneli R 2005

The combination of a good vintage and maturation in new wood has produced a wine with exceptional depth, complexity and personality. The first impression is that of floral perfume and pot-pourri, combined with the flavours of sweet stewed prunes and liquorice, backed by caramel wood flavours. The tannins of the wood and grapes are combined, to form a highly structured, surprisingly soft palate. The wine leaves a minty freshness on the palate.

Try this wine with spiced dishes and food served with sweetish sauces and relishes that will meet the bold, spicy and fruity flavours of the Shiraz and Grenache halfway. Also try game in various forms, cold meat cuts, oxtail, BBQ'd lamb, beef, chicken, duck and pork spare ribs or even mild curries. Choice of cheese: a mature Gruyere.

variety : Shiraz | 55% Shiraz, 29% Grenache, 8% Cinsaut, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : La Motte

winemaker : Edmund Terblanche

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.71 % vol rs : 3.8 g/l pH : 3.65 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon originate from Bot River in the Walker Bay region, the Grenache from Darling and the Cinsaut from Paarl.

For the second year in succession the Western Cape experienced warmer and drier conditions than in the case of the long-term average. Sufficient cold prevailed during the late winter, followed by a warm spring-time. The result was faster, even budding.

Growth was lush, probably as a result of nitrogen deposits due to thunder, and canopy management was required. Harvesting started two weeks earlier than usual. Grapes were very healthy and in good condition and had good colour and complexity.

in the cellar : The wines in this blend are made from grapes that were picked and sorted separately and were also fermented and matured separately. After 30 months in new 500-litre French oak barrels the wines were blended and then returned to the barrels for a further six months.

The wine was filtered and finally bottled in September 2008.

Only 3 000 bottles were produced.



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