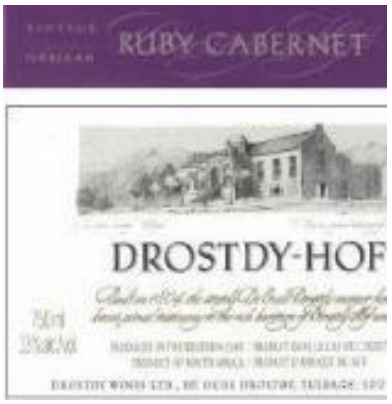
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# Drostdy Hof Ruby Cabernet Sauvignon 1998




On the nose the wine displays delightful aromas of blended berries with prominent black, cherry and strawberry flavours. A touch of vanilla and smokiness contribute to the complexity of the wine. On the palate it is medium-bodied with berry flavours and a touch of vanilla. The tannins are soft and the wine has a fruity finish. It is a young wine that could be enjoyed now.

Ideally suited to lamb casseroles and barbecues.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon |
**winery :** Drostdy-Hof Wines
**winemaker :** Frans du Toit
**wine of origin :** Coastal
**analysis :** **alc :** 12.86 % vol **rs :** 3.1 g/l **pH :** 3.72 **ta :** 6.1 g/l
**type :** Red **wooded**
**pack :** Bottle

**ageing :** It is a young wine that could be enjoyed now.

**in the vineyard :** A native of California in the USA, the Ruby Cabernet variety is a crossing of the prolific Carignan and the noble Cabernet Sauvignon varieties. The cultivar is not commonly found at the Cape, thriving mainly in the warmer, drier areas. Drostdy-Hof Ruby Cabernet captures both the intense colour of its one parent, Carignan, and the characteristic aroma of its other parent, Cabernet Sauvignon.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested between 22 and 23 Â°Balling during February and March.

**in the cellar :** In the cellar the juice fermented for 5 days on the skins. It was then pressed and fermentation was completed without the skins. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was matured in third-fill 300 litre barrels for 9 months. All these winemaking practices are used to ensure a good quality wine that is easy to drink at a young age.