

Groote Kaap Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Dark ruby in colour, the wine shows prominent aromas of ripe plums, mulberries and hints of subtle oak. These aromas follow through to a palate of dark berries, subtle liquorice and supported by lingering oak flavours.

Chargrilled steak with a creamy pepper sauce and crispy potato wedges.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Lizanne Jordaan

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 15.0 % vol rs : <5.0 g/l="">ph : 3.53 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : Origin

Western Cape, specifically Breedekloof Valley and Paarl area.

Climate

Temperature: Winter 17°C; Summer 28°C

Annual rainfall: 200mm

Proximity to ocean: 100km

Soil

Well drained ancient riverbeds, alluvial soils and decomposed granite from mountain foothills.

Viticulture

70% of grapes sourced from the Breedekloof Valley and 30% of grapes sourced from Paarl. Trellised vines in the Breedekloof Valley received drip irrigation and produced 8 - 15 tons per hectare. Vineyards in Paarl region are trellised vines, 8 - 14 years; drip irrigated and yielded 8 - 10 tons per hectare. Warm weather allowed grapes to reach optimal ripeness.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : The grapes were sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. The juice was chilled to 10 - 12°C to enable cold maceration prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks for 2-3 days. Daily pump-overs were carried out during fermentation to extract further colour and flavour. Wines showing well preserved fruit were chosen for blending and fining. Grapes from Paarl provided a good tannin structure and dark berry flavours and the grapes from Breedekloof added a full bodied and ripe fruit contribution to the blend. Sterile bottling took place after 6 months of maturation and subtle oak integration.

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