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La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 1996

With a bouquet of rip fruit and blackberry and hints of chocolate on the palate, it is a well-structured classic with good ageing potential. The wine displays subtle tobacco and meaty flavours on aftertaste and, with its ripe tannins, has a long finsih. The 1996 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon will complement any delectable meal and is the perfect companion to roast beef, venison, game as well as noble, strong cheese.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : La Motte
winemaker : Jacques Borman
wine of origin : Franschhoek
analysis : **alc :** 12.6 % vol **rs :** 1.9 g/l **pH :** 3.81 **ta :** 5.6 g/l
pack : Bottle

ageing : Drinkable on release and has exceptional fruit and barrel-ageing quality for long keeping.

in the vineyard : Winer conditions were excellent, 1 144mm of well-scattered rains recorded on La Motte until end December. Normal summer.

about the harvest: Separate havests (by hand and machine) of blocks 18, 26 and 34, on March 25, 1996 at 24ÂºBalling. Yield: 7t per ha.

in the cellar : Fermentation in rotor and pump-over tanks at 25 - 28ÂºC. Kept on the skins for 10 days. After malolactic fermentation the wine was blended.

Maturation in 225 - litre French oak barrels from Nevers fo 19 months: 60% in new wood, 20% in second fill and 20% in third fill. Bottled on La Motte on May 26, 1999. Bottle-aged for 18 months before 2 000 cartons (12 x 750ml) were released as 1996 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon.

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