

Du Toitskloof Old Tunnel Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2011

Full, ripe blackberry fruit aromas and flavours combine with layers of pepper and spice to create a medium-bodied wine.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot

winery : Du Toitskloof Wines

winemaker : Shawn Thompson, Chris Geldenhuys & Wellie Stofberg

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 6.4 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.9 g/l so2 : 112 mg/l fso2 : 48 mg/l

type : Red **style** : Off Dry **body** : Medium **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Screwcap

ageing : Enjoy now or drink within 3 years of bottling.

in the vineyard : All the grapes for this wine came from within 5 km of the Du Toitskloof cellar. The vines, grafted onto Richter 99 and 110 rootstocks, are grown in sandy, rocky soils. Based on soil moisture levels, as measured by neutron hydrometers in the vineyards, controlled irrigation is applied. This practice ensures small berries with an excellent skin to fruit ratio, providing an intense colour and flavour spectrum.

about the harvest: Grapes were picked when they reached optimum physiological ripeness. The wine is made from grapes harvested from both bush- and trellised vines and is blended together to produce wonderful smoky, spicy and mint flavours. The grapes were harvested at 25° Balling.

in the cellar : After crushing and destemming the mash was pumped into rotor tanks. The winemakers gave three days of cold soaking to extract maximum flavour and colour from the skins. Fermentation was started by inoculating a selected yeast strain. During fermentation, which occurred at 24° - 25° C, the rotor tanks were turned every six hours to ensure maximum extraction from the skins. After the initial fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation, and was then aged for ten months on French oak.



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