

## Delaire Graff Botmaskop 2010

Powerful, yet elegant and polished. Beautiful Bordeaux style blend with classical aromas of dark berry fruit, spice and cassis. The softness of tannins and the balance in structure complete this wine on the palate.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 7% Shiraz & 6% Malbec.

**winery :** Delaire Graff Estate

**winemaker :** Morne Vrey

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 2.9 g/l   pH : 3.5   ta : 6.6 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **body :** Full   **taste :** Fruity   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 0   **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** A cool start to the 2010 vintage provided for excellent flavour retention. Sporadic heat waves later in the harvest allowed grapes to be picked at optimal ripeness ensuring great body, finesse and structure in reds.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were handpicked in the fresh hours of the early morning from a combination of Delaire mountain vineyards and other high altitude vineyards in the Stellenbosch region.

**in the cellar :** Extensive sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were de-stemmed only, not crushed, to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours. Whole berry fermentation and gentle punch downs ensured extra care in the handling of grapes. After basket pressing, the wine matured in French oak barrels for 14 months where malolactic fermentation took place.

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