

## Anthonij Rupert Optima 2009

The nose abounds with blackcurrant, cassis, ripe plum and rich fruitcake with a hint of tobacco leaf too. It's soft-textured and invitingly seductive. The same beautiful black and red fruit make the transition from nose to palate. They can be found in abundance with licorice and coca adding a dark, inviting depth and contrast to the ripe sweetness of the fruit. Velvety and soft textured but with backbone and structure.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet franc, Petit verdot

**winery :** Anthonij Rupert Wyne

**winemaker :** Dawie Botha

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 14.58 % vol rs : 3.1 g/l pH : 3.74 ta : 6.0 g/l va : 0.82 g/l so2 : 123 mg/l fso2 : 20 mg/l

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

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** After a careful process of identifying the top terroirs for each cultivar, sites were identified, assessed and then selected. Grapes were tested and tasted for ripeness by the winemakers on a daily basis. Vineyards were selected from different sites in the Western Cape and each varietal paired to a selected soil, climate and slope.

Soil Type: Decomposed granite and clay

Average Temp: 20.5°

Rainfall: 981ml

**about the harvest:** In 2009 the red grapes were hand picked in the early morning at 24.9° Balling, placed in lug boxes and transported in refrigerated trucks to arrive at the cellar.

Date harvesting Began: 23/02/2009

Date harvesting ended: 02/04/2009

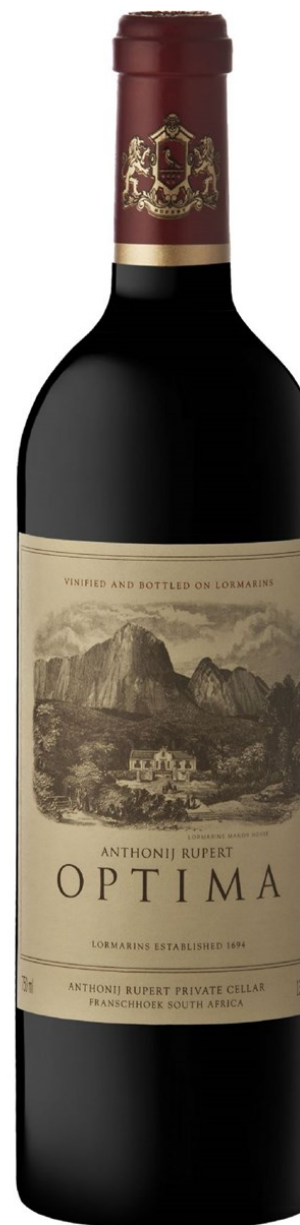
**in the cellar :** Vinification

The grapes are hand selected and sorted on a double sorting table. After the cold-soak, fermentation started and lasted for about 20 days. Malolactic fermentation took place in 225L new French oak barrels.

Maturation

The wines were made and aged separately for 18months in 225L French oak barrels.

The wines were blended and aged for a further 6 months in barrel and bottle matured for 24 months before release.



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