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De Trafford Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Medium deep, dark red colour. Red & blue berry nose with attractive cedary, spicy oak and fruit aromas. Softly tannic palate hiding a lot of fine fruit that opens up in the glass. Softer, more elegant and finer than most vintages, a little less intensity and long term ageability.

Delicious with most red meat dishes. Butterfly leg of lamb on the braai with wild rosemary a personal favorite.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc
winery : De Trafford Wines
winemaker : David Trafford
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 15.78 % vol **rs :** 3.2 g/l **pH :** 3.74 **ta :** 5.5 g/l **va :** 0.68 g/l **so2 :** 33 mg/l **fso2 :** 5 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Exceptional maturation potential.
Drink 2017 to 2024.

in the vineyard : 1st block 16 year old vines on 7 wire vertical trellis. Mix of 6 different clones on 101-14 rootstock. Mont Fleur vineyard. – high altitude mountain slope. Soil deep red Hutton decomposed granite.
Yield 3 tons / ha. (18hl/ha)

2nd block 13 year old vines on 5 wire vertical trellis. Clone CS20C on 101.14 rootstock. Neighbouring east facing Keermont vineyard. Soil deep red Hutton decomposed granite.
Yield 3 tons / ha. (18hl/ha)

3rd block 22 year old vines on 4 wire vertical trellis. Clone CS46A on 101-14 rootstock. Soil shallow gravelly red Hutton decomposed granite. On low lying Helderberg mountain site.
Yield 3.5 tons / ha. (21hl/ha)

4th block 7 year old vines on 7 wire vertical trellis. Clone CS169 on 101-14 rootstock. Neighbouring north facing Keermont vineyard. Soil deep red Hutton decomposed granite. Yield 3 ton/ha (18hl/ha)

about the harvest: A cool, overcast, rainy spring led to poor fruit set and smaller, looser bunches. Very strong winds shortly before most of the Cabernet Sauvignon began flowering meant we had some physical damage a reduced crop – though less than most of our other varieties. The small crop contributed to faster ripening with very ripe grapes of great intensity. A hot, dry harvest, producing big wines comparable to 2000 - which is drinking beautifully now.
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Harvest date: 8 /3 / 10 – 18 / 3 / 10 @ 23.5 – 26.4° Balling.