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Leopards Leap Culinaria Collection Grand Vin 2012

Grand Vin is a Bordeaux-style blend with complex layers. Aromas of black currant and mulberry are backed by clove and cedar wood.

The complex, elegant structure of this wine provides an interesting base for food-and-wine pairing

variety : Cabernet Franc | 34% Cabernet Franc, 32% Petit Verdot, 17% Malbec, 12% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Leopards Leap Family Vineyards
winemaker : Eugene van Zyl
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.55 g/l **pH :** 3.51 **ta :** 5.63 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Origin: Culinaria Grand Vin is a Wine of Origin Western Cape. Grapes used for the production of this classic Bordeaux-style red blend originate mainly from two regions, Stellenbosch and Swartland.

The Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon components come from the Stellenbosch region. Well-drained soil types and cool, south-facing slopes, unexposed to direct afternoon sunlight, create ideal growing conditions for these two varieties. The Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes grow on bush vines in the Swartland region. Close proximity to the Atlantic ocean allows cooling evening breezes that enhance varietal characteristics.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-picked - the varieties were harvested separately at unique optimal ripeness and at an average of 25°Balling.

in the cellar : Each grape variety was fermented separately at an average of 28 degrees Celsius. During wine-making there was minimal intervention. After fermentation, extended skin contact of fourteen days was allowed. Malolactic fermentation, over a period of nine months, took place in first-fill (40%) and second fill (60%) French oak barrels. Thereafter, blending took place and the wine was returned to the barrels for a further 12 months' maturation prior to bottling and release.



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