

Nitida Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Completely lovable, share generously with friends. Exotically spiced and stewed dark red fruits happily hug aged leafy compost, grandpa's tobacco and macho flint.

Enjoy a glass or many for as long as it takes to make your famous gemsbok shank potjie.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Nitida

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 6.1 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2011 Michelangelo Gold; 2010 Platter 4 stars; 2008 Michelangelo Gold AND BEST PRODUCER ON SHOW, Veritas silver medal; 2006 Swiss International Airlines Wine Awards bronze medal; 2002 Michelangelo silver; 2000 Gold medal SA Young Wine Show; 2003 Platters 4 stars; 1999 Veritas silver medal; 1998 Veritas silver medal, Wine magazine 3 star rating; 1997 Wine of the Month Club best Cabernet (Nov), Wine magazine 4 star rating; 1995 Decanter recommended wine.

in the vineyard : 'Great wine is made in the vineyard', this being ever-true in the case of Cabernet Sauvignon. Meticulous leaf removal around the bunch zone enables improved sunlight penetration and ensuring optimal ripening and colour development. The Cape's many winds keep yields lower than usual and ensuring optimal fruit concentration.

about the harvest: Regular sampling ensures that harvesting takes place at full phenolic ripeness (analytically and sensorially ripe), where after hand-harvesting the grapes are de-stemmed and individual berries sorted.

in the cellar :

Fermentation takes place in open-top fermenters with punch-downs every four hours ensuring optimal colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Post-fermentation maceration further may last for up to three weeks, enhancing colour and tannin structure. The wine is then matured in 100% French oak (30% new oak) for twelve months followed by light filtration prior bottling.

Wood: 12 months, 100% French oak (30% new oak)

