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The Mentors Orchestra 2012

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The wine can be enjoyed on its own or served with a variety of juicy and flavoursome red meat dishes.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 17% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot, 4% Malbec
winery : The Mentors
winemaker : The Winemaking Team
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 14.71 % vol **rs :** 3.05 g/l **pH :** 3.58 **ta :** 5.92 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for up to six years.

This is a very typical Bordeaux-style wine that shows the lovely perfume of cassis, cherry and plums. It's very structured and has plenty of concentration and flavour. The wine has been the backbone of the KWV The Mentors range and serves to highlight the quality and style benefits of Bordeaux varieties. Petit Verdot has exceptional potential in the warmer regions of the Western Cape. It brings much weight and complexity to the blends.

in the vineyard : The winter preceding the 2012 vintage was characterized by far lower than average rainfall. This trend continued into the summer, resulting in vineyards showing signs of lower soil moisture by way of the reduced berry size and bunch weight. A cooler ripening season with even temperatures led to steady and measured ripening of the grapes. Overall, the smaller berry size and lower yields promise great concentration, good quality and intense colour in the 2012 vintage wines.

about the harvest: Yield: 6-8 tons/ha

in the cellar :
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Total production: 6 870L
Bottling date: January 2014