

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2001

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Veritas 2001 - Bronze

Fig and green pepper flavours on the palate. A memorable wine with pronounced freshness and a long, crispy-fruit finish. A delightful aperitif or perfect with snacks, asparagus, salmon, trout, seafood and chicken dishes.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | Sauvignon Blanc

winery : La Motte

winemaker : Jacques Borman

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 13.8 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.31 ta : 6.1 g/l

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Location: 33°53 latitude, 19,5° longitude

Macro climate: more moderate than other Cape wine producing areas

Meso climate: average rainfall: 1000mm p.a. Vineyards cooled by early morning mists as well as cooling breezes during summer.

Altitude: 200m

Vineyard blocks: 11 (4.6 ha), 16 (6.7 ha) and 21 (4.5 ha)

Soil types: (on 16) sandy loam and (on 11 and 21) Hutton-type

Rootstock: Richter 99

Clone types: (on 11) unknown, (on 16) 215 and (on 21) 215/219

Vines planted: (on 11) 1983, (on 16) 1994 and (on 21) 1991.

Direction planted: north-south

Density: (on 11) 3704 and (on 16 and 21) 4630 vines per ha.

Space between rows: 2,7m

Space between vines: (on 11) 1m and (on 16 and 21) 0.8m

All vines trellised: Perold

Height of trellis poles: 2.4m (normally 2.1m)

Irrigation: (on 11) Micro Dans, (on 16 and 21) drip

Canopy management: more leaves absorb sunshine for the formation of aromas and the grapes are protected from the sun.

about the harvest: On 1 February 2001 a portion was harvested early to retain the natural acid. The balance was harvested on 16 February 2001 for greater complexity and riper flavours.

Yield: 8 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : Juice inoculated with special yeast. Fermented cold (11-13°C) in stainless-steel tanks, kept on the lees for 3 months. Only the premium 30% Sauvignon Blanc made, was selected. Wine bottled on La Motte on 15 May 2001. Bottle-aged for 1 month. 8000 cartons (12 x 750ml) released mid-June as 2001 La Motte Sauvignon Blanc.



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