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La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

The wine reflects varietal aromas on thenose, with wild berries, tomato leaf,cedar, cinnamon spice, dark chocolateand truffle prominent. The heavy-bodiedpalate has a firm structure, but a finetannin texture and pleasantly dryafter-taste.

This wine is a classical example of aSouth African Cabernet Sauvignon. It willcomplement any fine food, especiallyroasts, venison and red meats, as well asstrong, noble cheese.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : La Motte
winemaker : Edmund Terblanche
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.67 % vol **rs :** 3.0 g/l **pH :** 3.48 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : For enjoyment from 2014 until 2024.

in the vineyard : Origin
Grapes for the wine originate from vineyards in the Walker Bay, Agter-Paarl and Wellington areas.

Vintage
Budding started early as a result of a hot August, while spring and the flowering period were once again cold and not ideal. Summer was dry, with a heatwave early in January. A generally dry and hot harvesting season further forced earlier picking. As far as quality goes it was an average season.

Viticulture
Vineyards are trellised and managed to maintain a perfect balance between leaf coverage and yield. Different clones and different areas of origin contribute to greater complexity. The grapes from the Walker Bay area are organically grown.

about the harvest: Grapes were picked in crates and cooled overnight.

in the cellar : Viniculture
After cooling, bunches were hand-sorted before and after destemming and inoculated with selected yeasts. Fermentation was at between 23 en 28 °C. The wine was pumped over three times a day. After fermentation, extended skin contact of between 20 and 30 days was allowed. For 14 months the wine was matured in 225-litre French oak barrels – 50% new, 25% second-fill and 25% third-fill barrels. After maturation, the Cabernet Sauvignon was blended with 3% Petit Verdot for complexity and balance. The wine was bottled in November 2012 and 10 000 cartons (6 x 750 ml) were released as 2011 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon.

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