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Mulderbosch Faithful Hound Red 2013



Beautifully rich in appearance, showing a deep,dark core.Seductive aromas of ripe cherries, tobacco leaf, tilled earth and that classic cedar wood fragrance so often associated with Bordeaux-style blends.

The wine is taut, showing lovely chalky texture and plenty of concentration. Dense and compact, the tannin structure holds the blend firmly together whilst refreshing flavours of dark red fruit and earthy notes wash over the palate. The wine has a pleasantly persistent finish: sappy, savoury, and inviting of one more sip.

Red meat, dairy or tomato based pastas. A glass onits own goes down great as well.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 14% Malbec, 9% Petit Verdot

winery : Mulderbosch Vineyards

winemaker : Adam Mason

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : **alc :** 14.22 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.64 **ta :** 5.5 g/l **so2 :** 71 mg/l **fso2 :** 28 mg/l

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

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

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ageing : Up to 10 years from the date of vintage.

about the harvest: Grapes were handpicked.

in the cellar : After rigorous selection of all five Bordeaux varieties from some of the finest vineyards in the Cape, we have the option of sorting grapes on arrival before destemming begins. The fermentation process is initiated by naturally occurring yeast, and finished by a selected strain, added during the course of fermentation. Gentle extraction and long maceration time are the hallmarks of the winemaking style, followed by barrel maturation.

Barrel Ageing: 18 Months in 30% new French oak, remainder 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrique.