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La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Ruby red colour, with fine clinical fruit of wild berries and a hint of tomato leaf and cinnamon spice. A supple consistency with juicy berry fruit and an earthiness in the finish.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot
winery : La Motte
winemaker : Edmund Terblanche
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.84 % vol **rs :** 2.7 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : Origin
Grapes for the wine originate from vineyards at Stellenbosch (30%), Paarl (25%), Durbanville (15%), Walker Bay (15%) and Franschhoek (15%)

Vintage
A number of factors resulted in a lower than average yield in most of the area from which the grrapes originate. Although it was reasonably cool during the growing season, some area experienced drought conditions. Areas that did not have irrigation water available during the late season, experienced further losses later. The season will be remembered expecially because of the heat waves in late January - during three consecutive days the temperature rose above 40 degrees Celsius in the Boland followed, a few days later, by two more days of above 40 degrees.

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.

T wine was matured in 225-litre French oak barrels for 14 months – 50% new, 25% second-fill and 25% third-fill barrels. After maturation, the Cabernet Sauvignon was blended with 15% Merlot in order to enhance balance and complexity. The wine was bottled in November 2013 and 8500 cartons (6 x 750 ml) were released as 2012 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon.

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