

Nitida Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

â€œYummyâ€ with a first impression of intense â€œripe plumâ€ fruit combining with fleeting â€œnutty-herbâ€ At intervals â€œstylish gaminessâ€ with â€œdark chocolate and Belgian toffee in a bottleâ€ hit your mouth. Lots of velvety, fruit tannins for a stunning finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Nitida

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 14.19 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.76 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

1995: Decanter recommended wine

1997: Wine of the Month Club best Cabernet (November)

Wine magazine 4 star rating

1998: Veritas silver medal

Wine magazine 3 star rating

1999: Veritas silver medal

2000: Gold medal SA Young Wine Show

ageing : After a year in the bottle this wine is showing its true colours - lovely integrated berry fruit with harmonious tannins. It was worth the nerve-racking wait until mid April for full grape ripeness and the injection of mixed French coopers complements our style.

in the vineyard : Cultivar: 100%

Soil type: Hutton, Clovelly

Rootstock: R110

Age of the vines: 7 years

Plant density: 2400

Trellising: 3 wire perold

Pruning: Short bearer, Cordon

Yield: 5 tonnes /ha

in the cellar : 100% open fermenter, cap punched through by hand every 4 hours. Extended skin maceration before fermentating at 30 degrees to enhance cultivar flavours and maximise colour extraction.

