

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2019

Light straw in colour. Lots of gooseberry on the nose, together with lemon and tropical notes. Very polished and silky on the palate. Higher acidity than in other years, but well balanced by the almost medium-bodied weight. The finish is juicy, light and lingering with a fresh finish.

With its natural acidity and acute texture, this wine pairs beautifully with sea-foods, sea-food pasta and spicy foods such as Chinese and Thai dishes. Also goes extremely well with dishes containing acute seasonings, and salty eats such as pre-dinner canapés. A natural partner to goat's cheese. On its own, a refreshing aperitif wine.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : La Motte

winemaker : Edmund Terblanche

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 12.5 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity

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

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in the vineyard : The 2018 winter was more favourable than that of the previous three years. Budding was good, but wet, windy conditions during flowering were detrimental to bunch formation. Summer was relatively cool and harvesting was at the normal time; perhaps a little later. Analyses were promising, with high acids and low pH. Bunch development was very uneven, though, and impeded harvesting timing. The harvest was one of the smallest since 2005.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at between 17 and 23 degrees Balling, to capture natural acids and produce fuller, riper flavours.

in the cellar : The process was reductive, with cold fermentation (14 °C). After fermentation, the wine was left on the lees for three months to enhance complexity. For further complexity, the wine was blended with 8% Semillon. The first batch of 100 000 cartons (6 x 750 ml) was bottled on 1 April 2019 for release as 2019 La Motte Sauvignon Blanc.



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