

La Motte Methode Cap Classique 2016

A fine mousse promises an exciting, fresh wine with dimension. Lots of secondary aromas are present - yeasty flavours of baked bread are prominent, followed by nuts and ripe pear fruit. The entry is soft and foamy and the freshness of the wine lingers with a long presence.

La Motte MCC will complement a variety of food styles and occasions. Good with most soft cheeses, rich food such as buttery line fish, poached eggs served with Hollandaise sauce, oysters and grilled crayfish. Enjoy with seasonal salads served with vinaigrette and light meats such as veal and pork with creamy sauces.

variety : Chardonnay | 70% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir

winery : La Motte

winemaker : Edmund Terblanche

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 11.38 % vol rs : 1.2 g/l pH : 3.22 ta : 6.4 g/l

type : Cap_Classique **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fragrant

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

in the vineyard : The vineyard rows run in an east-west direction and the soil is Clovelly with a high sand content. Vines are trellised according to the Perold system, with drip irrigation. The Chardonnay was planted in 1997 and the Pinot Noir in 1985. Vineyards are managed to maintain a perfect balance between leaf coverage and yield and are managed biologically.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at between 18 and 20 Balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were harvested at between 18 and 20 Balling and the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were fermented separately. Bunches were whole-pressed and the juice was allowed to settle, whereafter the clear juice was cool-fermented. Fermentation was followed by blending in the ratio 70% Chardonnay and 30% Pinot Noir. Fifteen per cent of the base wine was from the 2015 vintage that was matured in barrels. After stabilisation, the wine was sweetened, inoculated and then bottled on 28 April 2016. Fermentation was in the bottles and the wine was matured on the lees for 36 months. The wine is "Brut Natural" - no sweetening was added during "degorgement". "Degorgement" was in May 2019 and only 3 500 bottles were released.



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