

Mulderbosch Faithful Hound 2000

Glossy ruby colour with a cerise rim. A mixed bag of concentrated blackcurrant, coffee, forest-floor fruit and nutmeg aromas. Voluptuous flavours of ripe plum and intense blackberry combine with subtle wood vanillins to give the wine its lovely complexity.

Suggested food combinations: Game birds, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, lamb potjie, steaks, meat stews, ratatouille, strong cheddar cheese.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 17% Malbec, 12% Cabernet Franc

winery : Mulderbosch Vineyards

winemaker : Mike Dobrovic

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.79 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.5 g/l so2 : 101 mg/l fso2 : 41 mg/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

93 Vintage: **** in John Platter's; **** Wine Magazine - August 1996 edition; awarded the User-friendly Red Oscar for 1996 by Cape Town's Wine Warehouse.

95 Vintage: **** in John Platter's; *** Wine Magazine in September 1998 edition.

96 Vintage: *** in John Platter's; Honorary Diploma of 1999 Expovina International Wine Award in Zurich.

97 Vintage: *** Wine Magazine in September 2000 edition.

99 Vintage: ***(*) Wine Magazine in December 2001.

ageing : Faithful Hound 2000 will gain in intricacy for 4 to 8 years.

in the vineyard : Soil Type: Decomposed Malmesbury Shale, Tukulu, Oak leaf

Age of vines: 10 years

Trellising: Vertical Trellis and bush vines

Vine Density: \pm 3 400 vines/ha

Yield: 6.5 tonnes per hectare

Irrigation: Yes, drip and dry land

about the harvest: Picking date: During March and April 2000

Grape Sugar: 24 to 25° Balling at harvest

Acidity 7 to 8g/l at harvest

pH at harvest: 3.3 to 3.5

in the cellar : Fermentation temperature: 26-32°C

The grapes were handpicked from our vineyards in the prime Koelenhof area of Stellenbosch. The mash was cold soaked for one day to extract maximum colour, before being inoculated with a cultured yeast. The wine was fermented until dry on the skins, in open stainless steel tanks at 30°C, after which it was lightly pressed, blended and racked to barrel. A combination of 1st and 2nd fill Taransaud Nevers barriques was used. The wine was matured for 18 months to develop complexity before its final blending, light filtration and bottling.

Wood ageing: 50% in new French and 50% in 2nd fill French for 18 months.

Total production: 3000 x 12

