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La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Stellenbosch's Helderberg area is renowned for producing some of the best Cabernet Sauvignons in South Africa. La Motte's 2021 vintage is an intricate wine combining intense berry and plum fruit with clove spice and mint herbs. Expect typical Cabernet Sauvignon characteristics of prominent cigar box and oak-derived toffee in the background. Ample tannins and a full palate with an opulent consistency and persistent finish, indicate exceptional maturation potential.

Thanks to its prominent minerality, firm tannins and flavourful intensity, this wine is a classic partner to lamb and beef. Also a natural choice with most other types of red meat, it works well with pork, venison, marinated steaks, rare beef and wintery stews such as a stroganoff. It enjoys the earthiness of root vegetables like beetroot, the herby fragrance of rosemary and thyme, the sweet smokiness of charred onions and of course, the umami of mushrooms.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : La Motte
winemaker : Edmund Terblanche
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.14 % vol **rs :** 2.4 g/l **pH :** 5.58 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : All vineyards are trellised and established in the first prominent hills, about 7km from the False Bay coastline. Soil is a combination of weathered granite and shale with some spots of coffee stone gravel. The soil is well-drained while maintaining good water holding capacity. Sustainable farming practices include vineyard management to ensure proper aeration and sufficient light. Destalking and sorting are done in the vineyard.

about the harvest: Grapes are harvested at optimal ripeness.

in the cellar : Grapes were destalked and then fermented in stainless steel tanks with pump-overs twice a day. Pressing and barreling happened three weeks later. The wine was matured for 16 months in 300-liter French oak barrels - 100% second fill. The various Cabernet Sauvignon batches were blended and filtered before being bottled in October 2022.

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