

## La Motte Millennium 2022

The classic blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon is prominent in some of the world's most iconic wines. In the 2022 La Motte Millennium, some Petit Verdot contributes further complexity of flavour and intensity of colour. Aromatic blackberries and plums are dominant with nuances of fruit cake and dark toffee providing subtle sweetness. Well-considered barrel maturation adds hints of cloves as well as charred oak flavours. Medium-full, the 2022 La Motte Millennium™ offers soft but lively tannins and a lingering berry aftertaste.

A South African interpretation of the famous Bordeaux-style red blend, the La Motte Millennium responds very well to red meat and roasts. Its accommodating structure also allows for mild curries and hard cheese. It is exceptional with creamy sauces and the earthiness of mushroom.

**variety :** Merlot | 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

**winery :** La Motte

**winemaker :** Edmund Terblanche

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 13.28 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.7 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

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The growing season for the 2022 harvest was uneventful with ample cold units in winter and sufficient irrigation water. Cold and wet conditions during budding didn't have a negative effect although higher rainfall did result in increased disease pressure, especially from powdery mildew. A relatively cool summer supported flavour development, but heatwave conditions late January caused slightly lower acidity and slightly higher pH levels than in 2021. It also caused some sunburn

**in the vineyard :** A variety of soil types and clones are represented, but each vineyard grows in its own macro climate. All the vineyards are trellised according to the Perold system and are managed to maintain the perfect balance between leaf coverage and yield. Thanks to the variety in terroir, each area produces distinctive grapes to contribute unique flavour and structure.

**in the cellar :** The various components were matured separately for 12 months in old 300-litre French oak barrels, followed by blending and filtration. The wine was bottled in December 2023 and 55 000 cartons (6 x 750 ml) La Motte Millennium were released in May 2024.



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