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Anthonij Rupert Protea Merlot 2021

Warm and friendly on the nose with pleasant fruitcake, black berries, light spice and oak aromas as well as dark chocolate too. That same unfussy, engaging charm is found in the silky smooth and rounded entry. Ample appeal with tasty red and black fruit notes: plum, mulberry and soft Agen prune, Christmas cake and gentle spice highlights round out the palate. A wine that is as comfortable as a favourite pair of slippers ... but there is a good frame to support the fruit, with seamless integration of oak and tannin and balanced, succulent ripeness. There is a deeper, dark chocolate and cocoa nuance which elevates the wine from the mundane. Equally impressive is the length of flavour.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne
winemaker : Dawie Botha
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 3.4 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.7 g/l **va :** 0.56 g/l **so2 :** 96 mg/l **fso2 :** 31 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Thanks to cooler to moderate weather conditions throughout the season and especially during harvest, some very good wines can be expected from the 2021 vintage. Water resources were replenished and good vine growth, bunch numbers and berry sizes were seen. With the slower ripening, the grapes developed exceptional flavour and colour. The cooler weather gave winemakers and producers the opportunity to harvest the grapes at optimum ripeness with pH, acidity and sugar levels well balanced.

about the harvest: The grapes used to produce this fruit forward, elegant style of wine was selected from different growing regions to ensure complexity.

in the cellar : Alcoholic fermentation was completed in Stainless steel tanks and vinification process was conducted elegantly to preserve fruit components of the wine. After pressing, malolactic fermentation was completed in tanks. The wine was aged on a selection of french oak staves for approximately 12 months.

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