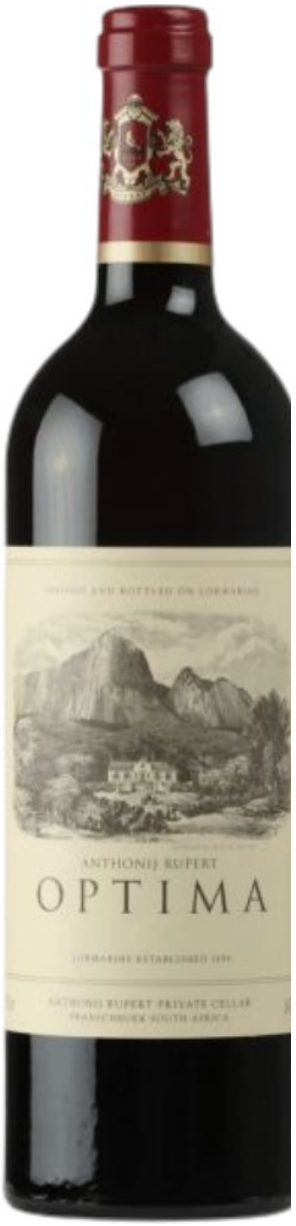
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Anthonij Rupert Optima 2021

The 2021 Anthonij Rupert Optima red blend has tendrils of spice that add nuance and allure to a nose packed with black berries, hedgerow fruit, and some mocha notes. The palate is plush, rounded, and pillowy but layered with dark fruitcake flavour, black cherry, baking spice, and pencil shavings too. The mouthfeel is complemented by its overall stature and regal refinement. Balanced with seamless integration of oak and ripe, rich fruit with lovely succulence and freshness as well. Complex, supple and silky smooth, the wine is ultimately simply delicious with a superbly long tail.

This red wine pairs well with lamb, beef, hard cheese, and spicy dishes.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec
winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne
winemaker : Dawie Botha
wine of origin : Darling
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.3 g/l **pH :** 3.55 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : Grapes are sourced from the L'Ormarins Estate in Franschhoek and the Rooderust farm in Darling.

about the harvest: Grapes are hand-picked from select vineyards specifically earmarked for the Optima and placed in small lug boxes, then transported to the cellar in a refrigerated truck.

in the cellar : The whole berries are double-sorted in the cellar using an optical sorting machine to ensure that only the best quality grapes are used. The must was fermented in a combination of large Nico Velo concrete tanks and stainless steel. Post-fermentation, the wine is left on the skins for an extended maceration of up to five days, extracting further depth and complexity. This results in a deep colour and a good tannin structure. Each component was matured separately in 225L French oak barriques for 20 months, with 30% of the barriques being new oak. After this, it is blended and bottled. To ensure ultimate harmony and balance, the wine undergoes an additional two years of bottle ageing before release.

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