

## La Motte Reserve Collection Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

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The medium-bodied character of this wine harmonizes perfectly with rich, flavourful dishes, grilled foods (including grilled vegetables), game dishes (particularly those incorporating stewed fruit and sweet aromatic spice components), peppercorn-crusted steaks and barbecued meat in a sticky, sweet marinade. The wine's abundant fruit also latches on to the sweetness in jellies, chutneys and berry sauces.

**variety** : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100%

**winery** : La Motte

**winemaker** : Edmund Terblanche

**wine of origin** : Franschhoek

**analysis** : alc : 13.74 % vol   rs : 2.8 g/l   pH : 3.61   ta : 5.7 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry   **body** : Medium

**pack** : Bottle   **size** : 750ml   **closure** : Cork

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**about the harvest**: The lead-up to the season was favourable with normal budding, flowering and set. Initial shoot growth was slow but it accelerated later, especially after rainfall in early December. The rain brought disease pressure. The harvest started earlier than usual. Analyses in the early grapes were good, but acidity dropped for later grapes. Flavour intensity stayed excellent throughout the picking process. The season will be remembered for heavy rainfall in March and its significant impact on the red cultivars that ripen later.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness, destemmed and fermented in stainless-steel tanks with two pump-overs per day. After three weeks, the wine was pressed and transferred to the barrels. Maturation took place over 18 months and in 300-litre French oak barrels, of which 33% were new. The Cabernet Sauvignon components were blended and filtered before bottling in September 2025.

A total of 8 500 cases (6 x 750 ml) were released as 2023 La Motte Reserve Collection Cabernet Sauvignon.

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