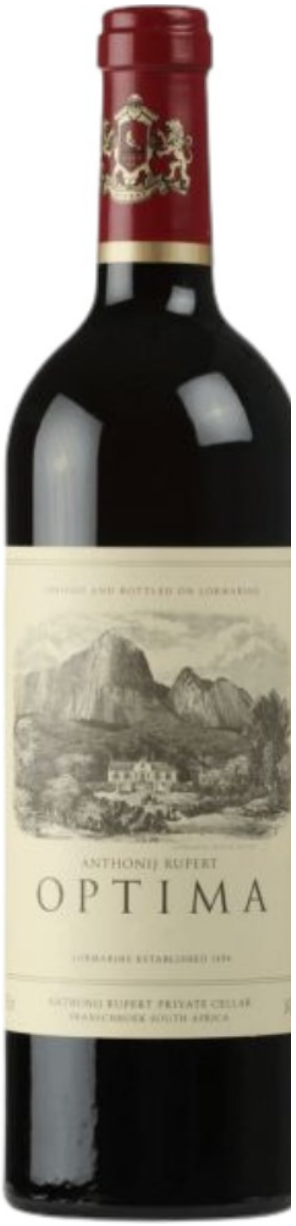
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Anthonij Rupert Optima 2022

Gentle aromas of fruitcake, dark berries and warm spice rise from the glass, with subtle floral notes and a hint of cracked pepper adding complexity. The palate is supple and textured, echoing the nose with layers of rich berry fruit and gentle fruitcake spice. A lively thread of spice brings freshness and energy, while the velvety mouthfeel adds depth and generosity. Well-integrated oak quietly supports the fruit, creating balance and harmony without dominating. The wine finishes long and poised, with lingering notes of spice and dark fruit. Equally rewarding to enjoy now or to cellar for added complexity.

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



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
winery : Anthonij Rupert Wyne
winemaker : Dawie Botha
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.3 g/l **pH :** 3.52 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: 17.7°C
RAINFALL:687.5mm
HARVESTING BEGAN: 15 February 2022
HARVESTING ENDED: 22 March 2022
ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Franschhoek and Darling
SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite
YIELD: 9.2 tons/ha

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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