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Cathedral Cellar Triptych 1999



This delicious award-winning blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc was all the dimensions of a beautifully crafted wine. There's fruit a plenty from cherry and plum to cassis which is still shrouded in new cedary oak with supple ripe tannins. It is remarkably elegant despite its richness the tannic strength to age.

The best deserves the best. Sirloin, T-bone, entrecote or saddle of venison or ripe Brie.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz
winery : KWV Classic Collection
winemaker : The Winemaking Team
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** Dry g/l **pH :** 3.4 **ta :** 6.6 g/l
type : Red **wooded**

in the vineyard : Climate: Mediterranean - Some vineyards as near as 8 km from the Atlantic Ocean. Summers are warm and dry with a cool breeze sometimes in the afternoons. The winters are wet and cold with an average rainfall of approximately 600 - 800 mm per year.
Soil: From deep red, fertile soils near Stellenbosch to gravelly and decomposed soils.
Trellising:
Hedged (Perold system)
Yield:
4 - 6 tons/ha

about the harvest: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz were harvested at 24.5Â° Balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were fermented with a pure yeast strain on the skins, until dry. Maceration on the skins is allowed before pressing. After malolactic fermentation it is separately matured in 300L new French oak barrels for 26 months before it is blended and bottled. Further ageing takes place in the bottle.