

La Motte

Hanneli R

2011



Inspired by La Motte's owner, Hanneli Rupert-Koegelenberg, this wine guides La Motte in its noble pursuit of excellence and its embrace of the South African Winelands. The crafting of the wine embodies the values of hard work and total dedication - values that were passed on to Hanneli by her parents, Dr. Anton and Ms. Huberte Rupert, and are shared by everybody contributing to La Motte's culture of excellence.

ORIGIN

The wine is a blend of Shiraz (80%), Petit Syrah (10%) and Temperanillo (10%). The largest amount of the Shiraz originate from Elim and the rest from Bot River. The Petit Syrah and Temperanillo are from Franschhoek.

VINTAGE

Budding started early as a result of a warm August, while spring and flowering time turned cold again, causing unfavourable conditions. Summer was dry, with a heat wave in early January, while generally dry and hot conditions caused harvest-time to be even earlier. Initially, the season was described as average, but the wine developed well in the barrels and is elegant and well balanced.

VITICULTURE

The Shiraz vineyards of Elim are trellised and grow in shale with a layer of "koffieklip" (coffee stone).

This, combined with the cool climate, produces wines with intense perfume flavours and a minerally palate. Bot River's Shiraz vineyards grow in more shallow, denser shale and produce wines with a high tannin content and a dark colour. The Franschhoek vineyards grow

in deep, sandy soil of weathered granite and sandstone and produce elegant wines with a creamy texture. Because the grapes originate from diverse terroirs, the wines have depth and complexity.

VINICULTURE

Wines in the blend were harvested, sorted and fermented separately, then matured separately in 300-litre oak barrels. After 40 months' maturation the wines were blended and then bottled during August 2015. Only 3 300 bottles were produced.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13,66% vol
Total acid	5,5 g/l
Residual sugar	3,0 g/l
pH	3,50

CELLARMASTER'S IMPRESSIONS

The combination of a good vintage and 40 months of wood maturation has produced a wine with exceptional depth, complexity and personality. The intensely distinctive nose shows rose petal perfume with black berry and mulberry fruit, as well as cinnamon and black pepper spice. An elegant wine with a lively presence and lingering after-taste.