

La Motte

2021
MILLENNIUM™



ORIGIN

Grapes for the wine originate from vineyards in Stellenbosch, Paarl and Durbanville.

VINTAGE

Although the growing season saw less rain than average, the winter was cold and conditions in the vineyards were positive and ensured even bunch development. Mild summer temperatures without heat waves ensured exceptional flavour development. Yields were higher than in 2019, resulting in acidity being slightly lower than the previous vintage.

VITICULTURE

A variety of soil types and clones are represented, but each vineyard grows in its own macro climate. All the vineyards are trellised according to the Perold system and are managed to maintain the perfect balance between leaf coverage and yield. Thanks to the variety in terroir, each area produces distinctive grapes to contribute unique flavour and structure.

VINICULTURE

The blend consists of Merlot (51%), Cabernet Franc (35%), Cabernet Sauvignon (10%) and Petit Verdot (4%). In the vineyards a combination of hand and machine harvesting is used. Grapes were sorted in the cellar and transferred to stainless steel tanks. Fermentation took place during pump overs and at between 25°C and 30°C.

MATURATION

The various components were matured separately for 12 months in old 300-litre French oak barrels, followed by blending and filtration. The wine was bottled in September 2022 and 24 000 cartons (6 x 750 ml) La Motte Millennium were released in July 2023.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13,73% vol
Residual sugar	2,9 g/l
Total acid	5,7 g/l
pH	3,48

CELLARMASTER'S IMPRESSIONS

The classic blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon is prominent in some of the world's most iconic wines. In the 2021 La Motte Millennium, some Petit Verdot contributes further complexity of flavour and intensity of colour. Aromatic blackberries and plums are dominant with nuances of fruit cake and dark toffee providing subtle sweetness. Well-considered barrel maturation adds hints of cloves as well as charred oak flavours. Medium-full, the 2021 La Motte Millennium offers soft but lively tannins and a lingering berry aftertaste.