

# La Motte

## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



### ORIGIN

Grapes for the wine originate from the Helderberg area in Stellenbosch.

### VINTAGE

The 2018 winter was more favourable than the previous three years and with enough rainfall for dam levels to recover. Budding was good, although bunch formation was negatively affected by wet and windy conditions during flowering. The summer was relatively cool and harvest commenced slightly later than normal. Analyses were promising with high acids and low pH levels. Bunch development was uneven and impeded harvesting time. This was one of the smallest harvests since 2015.

### VITICULTURE

All vineyards are established and trellised on prominent hills roughly 7 km from the False Bay coast. The soil is a combination of weathered granite, shale and coffee stone gravel with good drainage and water retention properties. Sustainable farming practices are followed and vineyards are managed to optimize air flow and sunlight exposure to create the ultimate growing conditions. The grapes are destemmed and sorted in the vineyard.

### VINICULTURE

Grapes are harvested and destemmed at optimum ripeness. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks with two pump overs per day to ensure colour and flavour extraction. After three weeks, the grapes are pressed before going into a selection of first-fill (50%) and second-fill (50%) 300 liter French oak barrels. After a

24-month period of barrel maturation, the wine was blended and filtered before being bottled in June 2021. 8000 cases (6x750ml) were released as 2019 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon.

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14,07% vol
Residual sugar	1,4 g/l
Total acid	6,1 g/l
pH	3.51

### CELLARMASTER'S IMPRESSIONS

A classic South African Cabernet Sauvignon with intense berry and plum fruit, enhanced by clove spice and mint flavours. Enjoy typical varietal characteristics such as cigar box and an elegant minerality, beautifully balanced by subtle toffee flavours from the well-considered barrel maturation. Firm but accessible tannins ensure a full-bodied wine with a rich consistency and lingering finish, ready to enjoy but with the promise of exceptional maturation.

### CONNOISSEUR'S CHOICE

Thanks to its prominent minerality, firm tannins and flavourful intensity, this wine is a classic partner to red meat. A natural choice with lamb and beef, it also works well with pork and venison. While it loves marinated roasts, rare beef and wintery stews such as a stroganoff, it is not exclusive to the carnivore. The 2019 La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon enjoys the earthiness of mushrooms and root vegetables like beetroot, the herby fragrance of rosemary and thyme and the sweet smokiness of charred onions.