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STELLENBOSCH

CAPE BLEND 2007

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, PINOTAGE,
CABERNET FRANC, MERLOT

VINIFICATION

Wine maker description	A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage, blended with Cabernet sauvignon, Cabernet franc and Merlot. Intriguing multi-layered aromas, flavours and textures. Notes of dark berry, liquorice and cloves. Subtle tannins and a beautifully crafted finish are the hallmarks of this lively wine.	
Varieties	39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Pinotage, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot	
Origin	Wine of Origin Stellenbosch	
Vinification details	All grapes spent 3 days on cold maceration. Fermented in stainless steel tanks at optimal temperatures of between 22-28°C. Thereafter malo-lactic fermentation took place on wood staves in stainless steel tanks. The wines were then oak matured separately for 14 months in 50% new oak, mainly French and American, before being blended, filtered and bottled.	
Date of bottling	9 th March 2009	
Analysis	pH 3.57 Residual sugar 2.9 g/l	Total acidity 5.4 g/l Alcohol 15%

PROVENANCE

Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils	Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite) / Table Mountain Sandstone
Aspect	Cab. Sauv. – West ; Pinotage – South West ; Merlot - South & South West
Area	Cab. Sauv. – 5.86 Ha ; Pinotage – 4.5 Ha ; Merlot – 8 Ha ; Petit Verdot – 0.29 Ha
Trellising	Vertical Shoot Positioning
Irrigation	Drip
Predominant wind	SE Summer/NW Winter
Date of planting	Cab. Sauv – 2000 ; Pinotage – 2001 & 2002 ; Merlot – 1999 ; Petit Verdot – 2004
Clones	Cab. Sauv. – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX ; Pinotage – PI245 & PI148A ; Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3 ; Petit Verdot – PR8719
Balling at picking	24.5 – 25.9°B



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