

ANNO 1695



# La Motte

2022  
MILLENNIUM™



## ORIGIN

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

## VINTAGE

The growing season for the 2022 harvest was uneventful with ample cold units in winter and sufficient irrigation water. Cold and wet conditions during budding didn't have a negative effect although higher rainfall did result in increased disease pressure, especially from powdery mildew. A relatively cool summer supported flavour development, but heat-wave conditions late January caused slightly lower acidity and slightly higher pH levels than in 2021. It also caused some sunburn.

## 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 (65%), Cabernet Franc (25%), Cabernet Sauvignon (6%) 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 December 2023 and 55 000 cartons (6 x 750 ml) La Motte Millennium were released in May 2024.

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.28% vol
Total Acid	5.7 g/l
Residual Sugar	2.4 g/l
pH	3.49

## 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 2022 La Motte Millennium™ offers soft but lively tannins and a lingering berry aftertaste.