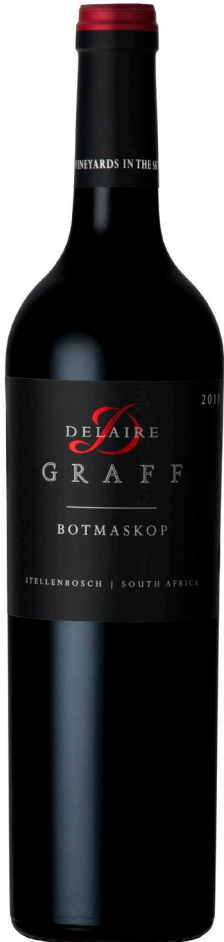


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DELAIRE GRAFF BOTMASKOP 2011



VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

A cool start to the 2011 vintage provided for excellent flavour retention. Sporadic heat waves later in the harvest allowed grapes to be picked at optimal ripeness ensuring great body finesse and structure in red.

VINEYARDS & HARVEST

The grapes were handpicked in the fresh hours of the early morning from a combination of Delaire mountain vineyards and high altitude vineyards in the Stellenbosch region.

GRAPE VARIETALS

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, 7% Shiraz & 4% Malbec.

VINIFICATION

Extensive sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were de-stemmed only, not crushed, to ensure gentle extraction of fruit flavours. Whole berry fermentation and gentle punch downs ensured extra care in handling of grapes. After basket pressing, the wine matured in French oak barrels for 14 months where malolactic fermentation took place.

TASTING NOTES

Powerful, yet elegant and polished. A beautiful Red Blend with classical aromas of dark berry fruit, spice and cassis. The softness of tannins and balance in structure complete this wine on the palate with an aging potential of 5 – 8 years.

WINE OF ORIGIN

Stellenbosch, South Africa

WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 3.3 g/l
pH: 3.48

Total Acidity: 5.9 g/l
Alcohol: 14.5%