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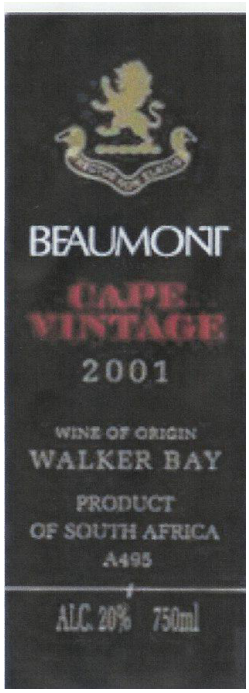
Cape Vintage 2001



Tasting Notes

Highly allocated. Traditional foot-stomping in an open fermenter, this is the family's fun time after the crush of harvest. Made essentially for themselves, we convinced them to let us have a couple of cases a few years ago...and how people love this port. We now get a "large" allocation of up to 30 cases - for the entire USA !!!

50% pinotage, 50% tinta barocca. Two years in old oak casks. Very dark, brick red and purple color. The intense, spicy nose is dominated by cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and dark berry fruits. A big, well-balanced palate of dark plummy fruit, spices with a hint of tasty wood, backed by pleasing acid structure and nice dry tannins.

the Estate & this Vineyard

The Beaumont family live, grow grapes and make their wine on the historic farm known as Compagnes Drift, which was once an outpost for the Dutch East India Company in the 1700s. Just over an hour southeast of Cape Town near the coastal village of Hermanus, the farm is a mere five, open miles from the cool southern Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Near the mountain source of Bot River, they benefit from gently sloping land of ancient Bokkeveld Shale - a duplex of gravelly topsoil with a clay subsoil. On the southern face of the Stellenbosch Mountains, the area is considered a 'cool climate'.

Winemaking

A blend of 50% Pinotage and 50% Tinta Barocca grapes from 40 year old vines. This port is made in the traditional way - footstomping in an open vat, which allows for maximum color and tannin extraction. The wine was enoculated after two days on skins with WE372 yeast. After two days of regular manual punching down, the wine was hard pressed at 11° Brix and fortified at 9° Brix. The wine was then racked into 6th fill French Oak where it remained for two years. It ws bottled by hand unfiltered and unfined.

Analysis

Varietal	Tinta Barocca 50%, Pinotage 50%	alcohol	20.0%
Maturation	French Oak barrels	residual sugar	100g/l
Appellation	Bot River, Walker Bay, South Africa	total acidity	5.3 g/l
Production	3 barrels - 75 cases	pH	3.75

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