

# Three Cape Ladies 2011

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## HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

The 2011 vintage was one of the most labor intensive and logistically demanding harvests and it was also one of the shortest harvests. We harvested a total of 27 days. We started 10 days earlier than in 2010 on the 31st of January and finished on the 8th of March. We again experienced spring rains, severe southeast winds and a 5 day summer heat wave in the middle of January. The season was hot and there was very little rain that influenced winemaking. We had about 11 mm in February and 5 mm of rain in March. February was also about 2.5 degrees warmer than the long term average. This had the effect of early ripening on most of our cultivars and we started with our bushvine pinotage first. Crops for the production of our wines were up by 30% and we are pleased with the overall quality. Close monitoring of weather conditions and patterns allowed us to plan ahead and act swiftly in terms of vineyard management. Careful planning during the harvesting period itself also ensured grapes could be harvested by working at dawn and over weekends.



**WARWICK**  
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**GRAPES:** 37% Pinotage, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, 4% Merlot

**ALCOHOL:** 14.2%

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.5 g/L

**PH:** 3.62

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.3 g/L

**TOTAL SULPHUR:** 78 mg/L

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:**  
2,215 cases x 12/750ml

