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THELEMA

Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch The Mint 2007

92 points | \$45 | 70 cases imported | Red

Gorgeous mint and warm coffee aromas give way to a plush, stylish core of black currant, melted fig and açai berry flavors. Roasted vanilla, loam and black tea notes weave through the finish. Seamless, complex and long. Drink now through 2015.—*J.M.*

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Shiraz Stellenbosch 2006

92 points | \$37 | 56 cases imported | Red

Ultraripe and lush, but with ample drive too, as the melted licorice, mocha and fig paste notes glide along, while hints of bittersweet ganache and freshly brewed espresso weave in through the finish. An unabashed style, but deftly balanced. Drink now through 2012.—*J.M.*