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Post House Missing Virgin 2009 4.5 STARS JOHN PLATTER 2011

The name Missing Virgin refers to a printing error on a Virgin Island stamp. The virgin figure was omitted from the stamp hence the nickname, "Missing Virgin". St Ursula was a virgin martyr who lived between the 3rd and 5th centuries A.D. She was born in Britain, avoided marriage to a pagan king and is believed to have been slain for her faith with 10,000 virgin companions at Cologne, Germany; Christopher Columbus named the Virgin Islands in her honor!

A blend of Pinotage 70% and Petit Verdot 30%

WINEMAKING PRACTICES

Fermentation temperature Max 28° C

Method: The grapes were fermented separately, using **natural yeasts** from the vineyard Open tank fermenters are used with the skins pushed down 4 - 8 times during peak fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in tank where the wine had minimal handling. The wines were racked 3 times over a 21month period. Sulphur levels are kept to a minimum. **Wood aging** -100% barrel aged for 21 months in 225 liter French and European barrels

Maturation potential		8-years	
Alcohol	15% vol	Extract	30.9 g/l.
Residual sugar	3.3 g/l	Total SO2	60 mg/l
Total acid	5.7 1g/l	PH	3.57

Tasting Notes

A red blend of Pinotage and Petit Verdot grapes resulting in a wine which has an intensely blueish color. A scrumptious full bodied rich wine with supple tannins. A hint of blueberries, fruit cake and wild heath on the nose with a rounded long and lingering finish.

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