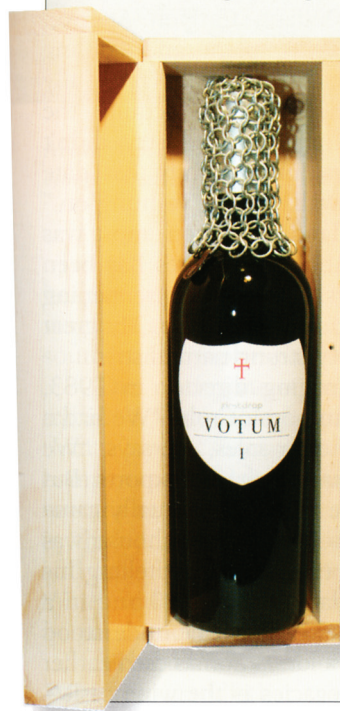


**First Drop Wines
2005 Votum**

This is grand packaging at its most extravagant, designed to draw attention to a special wine. Concealed within a wooden box and capped with a chain mail helmet is McLaren Vale cabernet sauvignon from the Willunga district, which the First Drop team reckons is the king of grapes, showing itself regally from an outstanding vintage – hence the decision to show off



this first Votum release in a special way (and First Drop suggests there may only be a few worthy of such attention each decade). It seemed a crime to examine this wine in its youth, especially as winemaker Matt Gant reckons it'll look great after 20 years in the cellar. At the moment it's big, tight and muscular, a luscious concentration of rich, heady varietal aromas and dark fruits that spread across the palate in deep, fascinating layers. Be quick; only 1176 bottles of Votum have been produced, all packaged in the box and fully clothed in chain mail. 🍷

Cork. \$150.