

THE WINERY OF GOOD HOPE

FULL BERRY FERMENTATION PINOTAGE 2020



IN THE VINEYARDS

We work with two vineyards for this Pinotage, one based in Northern Stellenbosch and the other in Voor Paardeberg, approaching 20 years old, respectively. The former on sandy and very heavily decomposed quartz and granite soils, the latter on weathered, granite derived soils. Overall, the Cape achieved a larger crop in 2020 compared to that of the last few vintages. Cool weather in December and January meant for slow and even ripening.

IN THE CELLAR

Grapes were destemmed (but not crushed) and transferred to stainless steel tank, dropped in using gravity, so all the berries stayed whole to carry out carbonic maceration. Our priority is always on developing elegance & fruitiness and avoiding bitterness and harsh tannins for which Pinotage is notorious. We also wanted to retain the underlying spicy minerality from the local soils. Spontaneous, wild fermentation occurred inside the unbroken skins of the berries, with the effect of minimal skin contact. This coaxes out the gentler, more textural nature of Pinotage.

A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

By handling the grapes and the ferment as we did, we were able to focus all of the good aspects of Pinotage's heritage into the bottle (cherry fruit related to Pinot, spiciness related to Cinsault) and avoid all of those that have so often made Pinotage infamously dreadful. This wine displays a refreshing yet juicy palate with black berries, plums, wild black fruits and a wonderful, natural sucrosité. It has a lithe texture with integrated, supple tannins and some attractive spice on the finish. Incredibly moreish!

THE TECHNICAL BITS

VARIETY	Pinotage
APPELLATION	Coastal, South Africa
ANALYSIS	Alcohol 13% vol.
	Total acidity 4.9 g/l
	pH 3.76
	Residual sugar 1.4 g/l

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