


**SYNERGY CAPE BLEND, BEYERSKLOOF**

Vintage **2023**



As part of the Reserve range, the Beyerskloof Synergy Cape Blend represents not only the Synergy between the most popular red grape varieties, but all combine the classic European with the New World wine styles. This Cape Blend shows the best characteristics of Pinotage and how they can be complemented by an array of varietals.

**TASTING NOTE**

Fresh red and dark fruit with spicy aromas upon entry. A well-balanced wine with soft round tannins and a pleasant finish. A blend of 52% Pinotage, 20% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon & 7% Shiraz.

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

It was a dry winter and spring with relatively normal cold units. Budding of the vineyards started slightly earlier than normal due to a warm start to spring, with ideal growth conditions up until the last month of the year. In December, much-needed rain helped with vineyards' water reserves before harvest. The bad news was that, in December and early January, there was high disease pressure in the vineyards. The harvest started 7 days earlier than 2022 at the Beyerskloof cellar, with Pinotage and Pinot Noir being the first grapes picked. February flew by with everything ripening at the same time, and by the end of the month, all the Pinotage was in the cellar. The end of February and March brought a lot of rain, making it very difficult to decide when was the optimum time to harvest the Merlot and Cabernets. Hard calls were made during the end of the harvest, but the quality of the late cultivars was good. By far the wettest and toughest harvest in a long time, in terms of picking the grapes at optimum ripeness. Even though it was one of the most challenging vintages, an above-average yield and great wines were made.

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.0	2.8
pH	Acidity
3.51	5.8

**VINIFICATION DETAILS**

Grapes were handpicked from vines in the Bottelary area. Fermentation took place in open fermenters for 4-6 days. After Malolactic Fermentation the wine went to French oak barrels for 12-15 months.

**AWARDS**

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts

**ATTRIBUTES**

 Origin	 Variety	 Malolactic Fermentation	 Bottle Size	 Vegetarian
South Africa	Red Blend	Yes	75cl	Yes



Winemaker

Anri Truter



Fining Agent

None



Closure

Cork



Region

Stellenbosch



Vegan

Yes