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KRIEKBULT PINOTAGE, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage 2023



Paying homage to our Kriekbult farm, our first site-specific Pinotage has been produced from 27-year-old Pinotage bush vines. The vineyards utilised for this wine produce a distinctive style, expressing the unique characteristics of well-aged Pinotage.

TASTING NOTE

Packed with black fruit flavours, from blackberries to cassis with balanced oak aromas from barrel maturation. A wine with excellent balance, a lovely core, and a long, juicy aftertaste.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

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, which made it very difficult to decide the optimum for harvesting Merlot and Cab. This was by far the wettest and toughest harvest in terms of picking the grapes at optimum ripeness. Even though it was one of the most challenging vintages, it was an above-average yield and great wines in the cellar!

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Grapes spent 4 days in open fermenters with the cap punched through by hand every two hours. Fermentation temperature was between 25-28°C. After malolactic fermentation, the wine is matured in 350% new and 70% second fill barrels for 18 months.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.5	2.3
pH	**Acidity**
3.54	5.8

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 93 pts

ATTRIBUTES

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

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Anri Truter	None	Cork	Stellenbosch	Yes