

KRIEKBULT PINOTAGE, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage

2020



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

Upfront black fruit with lively aromas of oak and hints of chocolate on the finish. The Kriekbult Pinotage expresses an abundance of 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

Good rainfall at the end of October helped with even ripening for the mid to early cultivars. The late cultivars still needed additional water to ensure optimum ripeness. The harvest started in early February at the Beyerskloof cellar with Pinotage and Pinot Noir. From then, the harvest was bumper to bumper as everything ripened at the same time. The last fermentation finished just before the first lockdown. In general, the grapes were healthy and the quality looked better than in 2019. The crop was also bigger compared to the past 4 years!

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.8	3.0
pH	Acidity
3.63	5.5

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 50% new and 50% second fill barrels for 19 months.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts
Platter: 93 pts
Wine Advocate 90+ pts

ATTRIBUTES

 Origin South Africa	 Variety Pinotage	 Malolactic Fermentation Yes	 Bottle Size 75cl	 Vegetarian Yes
 Winemaker Anri Truter	 Finning Agent None	 Closure Cork	 Region Stellenbosch	 Vegan Yes