

FAITH CAPE BLEND, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage

2022



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
15.0	3.9
pH	Acidity
3.66	5.7

A Cape blend of Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot which is a testament to the faith Beyers Truter has in Pinotage and the abundant blessings of nature melded in this ultimate expression of South Africa's heritage grape sired in Stellenbosch soils.

TASTING NOTE

Intense dark fruit and cassis upon entry, with delicate spice and cedar aromas from the new oak. A big structured Cape blend with excellent complexity but still great balance. Hints of dark chocolate add to a long smooth finish. A blend of 34% Pinotage, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Merlot.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Ideal winter conditions supplemented water reserves and contributed to even growth, which provided an excellent foundation for the 2022 crop. Following a cool run-up to the season, sudden heat peaks in December and January resulted in sunburn damage on certain vineyard blocks. At the same time, unexpected rainfall led to high disease pressure that caused challenges in minimising the effects of powdery and downy mildew. As temperatures remained moderate throughout the rest of the season, the grapes took their time to reach optimum ripeness, and the start of harvest was delayed by 10-14 days. The 2022 crop was larger than 2021 due to ideal winter conditions.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Grapes were picked at optimum ripeness. Made in open fermenters, on the skins for 5-8 days at an average temp. of 26°C. Punching of the cap was done every 2 hours to extract good colour and flavours from the grapes. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine aged in 100% new French oak for 21 months. The Faith blend is a barrel selection of the best wines from the 2022 vintage in the Beyerskloof cellar.

AWARDS

IWSC: Silver
Decanter: 90 pts
Platter: 93 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