

## FAITH CAPE BLEND, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage

2021



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 35% Pinotage, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and 32% Merlot.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Despite good rainfall, the region was still affected by the preceding drought and realised a much smaller crop for the second year in a row. The start of the harvest was more normal, and the early cultivars ripened well. The late cultivars ripened more unevenly and later than normal.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
15.2	2.9
pH	Acidity
3.68	5.7

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

Grapes were picked at optimum ripeness. Made in open fermenters, on the skins for 5-8 days at an average temp. of 27°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 22 months. The Faith blend is a barrel selection of the best wines from the 2020 vintage in the Beyerskloof cellar.

### AWARDS

Platter: 93 pts

### ATTRIBUTES

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