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DIESEL PINOTAGE, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage 2023

Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage a tribute to Beyers Truter's beloved Great Dane, Diesel, who features on the label.

TASTING NOTE

A big structured wine with intense dark fruit flavours. A wine that has great depth and balance with a lasting finish.

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.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Optimum ripeness for picking was at 25.8°B. Once destemmed, berries went through a sorting system to minimise greenness. Fermentation took place in open casks, with punch downs done every 2 hours for 5 days. Grapes were pressed before fermentation finished and malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks. Wine went into new French oak barrels for 22 months, after which only the best barrels were selected for this wine

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.5	2.1
pH	**Acidity**
3.59	5.5

AWARDS

Platter: 94 pts
Tim Atkin MW: 94 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