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DIESEL PINOTAGE, BEYERSKLOOF

Vintage 2022



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

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

Optimum ripeness for picking was at 25.8°B. Once destemmed berries go 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 tank. The wine went into new French oak barrels for 21 months, after which only the best barrels were selected for this wine.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
15.0	2.7
pH	**Acidity**
3.61	5.6

AWARDS

Platter: 93 pts
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