

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

TERROIR SPECIFIC WINES

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VINTAGE: 2018

AVERAGE TEMP: 19.2°C

AVERAGE RAINFALL: 595.6mm

HARVESTING BEGAN: 15 February 2018

HARVESTING ENDED: 25 February 2018

ORIGIN OF FRUIT: Swartland

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite

YIELD: 5ton/ha

CULTIVAR(S): 100% Pinotage

IN THE VINEYARD: The Basson family of Nooitgedacht, farms these vines in the famous granite soils of the Paardeberg. Bush vine Pinotage at high altitude on the top of Paardeberg in Swartland is always challenging between farmers, baboons, buck and winds. Naturally low yields and the higher altitude, with no irrigation and small vines, complicate delivering a successful harvest in this terroir further.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2018 vintage was the last of a couple of very dry years with lower than average rainfall. This resulted in a very small crop due to the drought, but the small bunches yielded good concentration in the wine. With better rainfall in 2019, these vines are currently recovering and re-building their reserves.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were hand-sorted and fermented in 1 ton open top stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, the wine was drained off the skins and underwent malolactic fermentation in cement tanks. The wine was aged in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels for 14 months. Final bottle-ageing for 24 months completed the maturation period, before being released to market.

TASTING NOTES: Appealing raspberry and plump cherry fruit aromas. The same succulence and rounded juicy dark fruit continues on the palate – with standout plum, cherry and raspberry flavours. A light baking spice nuance adds to the complexity and gentle Christmas cake appeal, along with supportive, seamless oak balance. Smooth textured and long with an enticing, dry yet fruited finish.

Alc: 13% | TA: 5.6g/l | RS: 1.8g/l | PH: 3.49

