

# CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

## TERROIR SPECIFIC WINES

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SNEEUWKRANS PINOT NOIR 2017

**AVERAGE TEMP:** 15.5°C

**RAINFALL:** 550mm

**HARVESTING BEGAN:** 03/03/2017

**HARVESTING ENDED:** 08/03/2017

**ORIGIN OF FRUIT:** Elandskloof - Overberg

**SOIL TYPE:** Tukulu. Decomposed shale (grouwraakke)

**YIELD:** 6ton/ha

**CULTIVAR:** 100% Pinot Noir

**THE VINEYARD:** Altima is situated in Elandskloof, an isolated valley north of Villiersdorp which is 5km wide and is surrounded by a steep mountain range that rises 1km from the valley floor. The steep topography causes the valley to receive less direct sunlight due to the overshadowing mountains, which together with the elevation of 600 to 800m this equates to a very cool climate for the valley. This unique terroir produces wines with a high natural acidity and upfront aromas. Grapes are harvested much later than other sites in the Western Cape, with harvest usually starting early in March. This vineyard produce an intense Pinot noir character with rich red fruit and a very fine and layered structure.

**WINEMAKING:** This vineyard were picked in 2 stages, the bottom part of the vineyard separate to the top part. The reason is slight difference in ripening and different clones, each contributing to a range of flavours and structure. Grapes were hand-picked into small lug-boxes in the early morning and transported to the cellar in refrigerated trucks. All the fruit was de-stemmed and then fermented in old wooden tanks and small 1ton open top Stainless steel tanks. These grapes were worked very gently during fermentation and after fermentation the wine were aged in old 225L French oak barrels for 10 months before bottled. Bottle aged for 2 years

**TASTING NOTES:** Bright berry fruit aromas – cherry, blueberry and blackberry – with autumn leaves and a whiff of spice adding interest. In the mouth the wine is succulent, bright and fresh with those same berry notes apparent. There is a lively vibrance to the wine, with subtle spice and an oak sheen. Throughout, the wine remains beautifully structured, poised and elegant. It's deceptively light and approachable because it is powerful and long lasting but everything is leashed and showing good restraint. The well integrated and unobtrusive oak frames the fruit beautifully

Alc: 13.5 % | TA: 5.4 g/l | RS: 1.8 g/l

