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HERITAGE RANGE

Pionier Pinotage 2015



APPELLATION:

Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch.

VITICULTURE:

The Pinotage grapes for the Pionier Pinotage comes from a single vineyard 2.38 hectares in size and 400 meters above sea level. In 2015 the age of the vines was 19 years and the crop yield was 6.48 tons/ha. All harvesting and pruning is done by hand. Extreme care is taken not to damage grapes and only healthy grapes are picked.

HARVEST DATE:

6 February 2015

VINIFICATION:

After harvesting the grapes were de-stalked and berries were hand-sorted and fermented on the skins for seven days in small stainless steel tanks. Only natural yeast was used for fermentation. The wine was pressed at 2° Balling and underwent malolactic fermentation in new and 2nd fill 225 litre and 300 litre French oak barrels. After malolactic fermentation it was racked and sulphured. Following three months of resting in wood, it was racked again and matured in barrels for a further 18 months. Only the best barrels were hand selected and blended to create this limited release of 4700 bottles.

CELLAR MASTER'S COMMENTS:

The Pionier Pinotage is a tribute to the world's first bottle of Pinotage - a 1959 Lanzerac Pinotage. This wine delivers dense, concentrated fruit and layers of different flavours. Christmas spices of nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon surround plums, prunes, berries and currants whilst the well-integrated oak and soft, silky tannins add backbone and length.

CELLARING POTENTIAL:

Drink now to 2030

FOOD SUGGESTIONS:

An elegant wine, with enough structure to enable it to last for a decade or more, it's best paired with Springbok fillets with a red wine and cranberry jus.

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol:	14,5 %	Total acidity:	5,8 g/l
Residual sugar:	2,9 g/l	pH:	3,55

ACCOLADES:

ABSA Top 10 Pinotage Finalist (2017)
4 ½ Stars Platter's Wine Guide (2017)
4 ½ Stars Platter's Wine Guide (2014)
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Double Gold Medal Michelangelo International Wine Awards (2014)
Sommelier's Selection Awards Red Cellar Selection Category (2015)
ABSA Top 20 Pinotage (2015)
Double Gold Medal Veritas Awards (2015)

