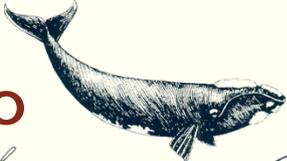


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Southern Right

PINOTAGE

WINE OF ORIGIN HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

SOIL: Low-vigour, stony, clay-rich, shale-derived soil

ALCOHOL: 13.90%

ACID: 5.10 g/l

PH: 3.60

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.46 g/l

BARREL MATURATION: 100%

BARREL AGEING: 9 Months

MALOLACTIC: 100%

1ST FILL: 15% 2ND FILL: 15% 3RD FILL: 19% 4TH FILL: 51%

WOODING: 28% 228 litre & 72% 400 litre French Oak Barrels

TIGHT GRAIN: 100%

FRENCH COOPERS: Mercurey 53%, Francois Freres 28%, Saury 19%

YIELD: 2.10 tons/ha, 13.2 hl/ha

FRUIT ORIGIN: Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 30% Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 44%

Walker Bay 26%

PRODUCTION: 1 152 cases of 12 bottles equivalent

Release date – January 2020



GROWING SEASON

Exceptional quality and record low yields characterise 2019. Sauvignon blanc yields were 52% down and Pinotage yields were 65% down. And the Sauvignon blanc ripened a little unevenly and unusually early. The Pinotage was particularly concentrated without being too dense or heavy. The Sauvignon blanc has a beautiful vinosity and saline minerality and true to Southern Right is not too fruit-driven. Once again it shows a tight mineral centre with viscous edges. Overall the vintage was a cooler than 2017 and even 2018, with an average maximum temperature for Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar of 24.5 Centigrade (versus an equivalent long term average for Burgundy of 24.8 Centigrade). Rainfall was lower than average for Spring and during harvest, but occurred in frequent small amounts causing sustained high humidity. Fortunately our organic treatments proved highly effective against the resulting downy and powdery mildew threat. And the day after harvest finished, the serious rains began - some luck at least! We had the highest March rainfall in 21 years. Record low production and some challenges, but the 2019's have a deep, concentrated, refined beauty.

WINE STYLE

Southern Right is re-defining Pinotage with this intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle spice. Full ripeness and the longer hang-time afforded by cooler sites, combined with the complex, more classic fruit aromas and structure resulting from clay-rich soil, make this wine a highly individual expression of South Africa's unique grape variety.

*All Southern Right wines are made, matured, bottled and labeled
by Southern Right on the Southern Right farm.*

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