



PINOTAGE 2016

What's in a name?

Cecilia is the outcome of a desire to combine a love for music and wine into something that has the potential to give pleasure and to inspire. Whilst being a family name, Cecilia also pays homage to the patron of musicians.

The vineyard

Cecilia Pinotage is made from one of only a few bush vine vineyards in the West Coast region of South Africa. Growing in the hills between Clanwilliam and the Atlantic ocean, at an altitude of approximately 400 meters, these old vines have learned to cope without irrigation by balancing themselves to only produce a small quantity of bunches per vine.

Winemaking

The grapes are hand harvested in small lug boxes and crushed into large open top barrels where regular punch-downs are done. A small percentage of the berries remain in tact, additions are limited to a minimum and native yeasts conduct the fermentation at a gentle pace. After fermentation the skins are gently pressed with a basket press and the wine is siphoned into inert barrels where it rests and develops for 15 to 18 months before bottling.

Tasting notes

The wine has a medium deep core with a vibrant cherry red hue, typical of Pinotage. Fresh nuances of red currant and dark plum on the nose and fine, ripe tannins combine in a balanced, concentrated wine with a lingering finish.

Analysis:

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 5.3 g/l

RS: 3.1 g/l

pH: 3.63

FSO₂: 25 mg/l

TSO₂: 80 mg/l

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