



NEIL ELLIS

BOTTELARY HILLS PINOTAGE 2019

THIS LIMITED RELEASE WINE DEMONSTRATES THE DISTINCTIVE VINEYARD SITE AND PRODUCED AN ELEGANT, MEDIUM BODIED AND WELL-STRUCTURED PINOTAGE THAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF THE VARIETY IN THE WORLD.

ORIGIN

Just outside Stellenbosch lies the rolling hills of the Bottelary region, creating a unique terrain for the cultivation of Pinotage. Well-established 23 year old bush vine vineyards with access to supplementary irrigation. South-west facing slopes and grown on decomposed granite.

WINEMAKING

Harvest commenced on the 18th of February. Grapes were harvested at 25°B with a total acid of 7.5 g/ℓ and a pH of 3.3. Yield: 5 tons/ha.

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks. The crushed grapes underwent a series of pump overs and punching after which the wine was racked off to barrel to complete alcoholic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels.

This wine spent 14 months in 50% new French oak barrels, the balance in 2nd fill and older barrels.

Bottled in September 2020.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep dark colour reflective of the vintage. This wine shows notes of dark plum, cherries and black berries with floral notes lingering in the background. Dark and tart red cherries enters the palate with freshness flowing into fine, chalky tannins on the mid palate.

FOOD PAIRING

Venison, oxtail and chocolate dessert.

WINE DETAILS

Cultivars:	100% Pinotage
Wine Analysis:	Alc 14.5%
	RS 3.2 g/L
	TA 5.5 g/L
	PH 3.47



A pursuit of quality, nothing less.