



NEIL ELLIS

BOTTELARY HILLS PINOTAGE  
2020

THIS LIMITED RELEASE WINE DEMONSTRATES THE DISTINCTIVE VINEYARD SITE AND PRODUCES 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 25-year-old bush vine vineyards with access to supplementary irrigation. South-west facing slopes and grown on decomposed granite.

**WINEMAKING**

Harvest commenced on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Grapes were harvested at 25°B with a total acid of 7.5 g/ℓ and a pH of 3.3. Yield: 4 tons/ha.

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks. Whole berry ferment underwent a series of light 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 Neutral barrels.

Bottled in September 2021.

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

Deep dark colour. This wine shows notes of dark plum and black berries with herbal notes of thyme lingering in the background. Black fruit enters the palate with freshness flowing into fine, chalky tannins on the mid palate.

**FOOD PAIRING**

Venison, oxtail and chocolate dessert.

**WINE DETAILS**

<b>Cultivars:</b>	100% Pinotage
<b>Wine Analysis:</b>	<b>Alc</b> 14.5%
	<b>RS</b> 2.7 g/L
	<b>TA</b> 5.7 g/L
	<b>PH</b> 3.62



*A pursuit of quality, nothing less.*