

# Christiena <sup>1699</sup> TROUSSEAU

## Methode Cap Classique BRUT ROSÉ



### Site Specific Excellence

VINEYARD Name / Buitensorg

PLANTED	CLONE
2016	115

TONNES / Hectare	ROOTSTOCK
5 tonnes	USVIT 8-7

**SOIL** Weathered shale with red stony outcrops. The top soil is deep, rich in clay and offers excellent growth potential for the Shiraz vines.

**VINEYARD ASPECT** South facing.

**HARVEST NOTES** Our Methode Cap Classique (MCC) Rose is a wine made from 100% Pinot Noir. The Pinot Noir grapes are of the best selection from the Buitensorg vineyards. These special grapes are hand harvested early in the morning and during the beginning of the vintage.

The Christiena MCC Rose requires that the wine undergoes two fermentations. The first fermentation is to create the base blend which is of good acidity and moderate alcohol while the second fermentation is to create the bubbles.

**CELLAR MASTER NOTES** Once the grapes are harvested, they are gently crushed in whole bunches at the cellar. The Pinot Noir must (juice) spend a short time on the skins to extract the attractive delicate pink colours required in the wines. The Pinot Noir undergoes a cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks to create wines for a base blend. This wine spends 8 months on the primary lees to enhance depth of flavour and mouthfeel.

The base blend is then bottled with a mixture of yeast, sugar and wine (this is known as the liqueur de tirage) and from here a second fermentation takes place in the bottle where small fine bubbles are created over time. The wine is stored in a temperature controlled cellar of between 10-12 degrees Celsius and riddled by hand over a minimum period of 12 months before being released.

**TASTING NOTES** Sensual wild strawberry aromas are complemented by ripe raspberry and cranberry flavours, fine bubbles and a long lingering finish.

**ANALYSIS** Alc: 10.9% / R/S: 8.59g/l / T/A: 6.47 g/l / pH: 3.08

**ACCOLADES**

- 2023 Rosé Rocks, Gold
- Rosé Wine and Spirit Challenge, Gold
- 2023 Tim Atkin MW South Africa Special Report, 90 Points
- 2023 National Wine Challenge, Double Gold
- 2023 Platter's Wine Guide (awarded in 2022), 4 Stars
- 2023 Platter's Wine Guide awarded in 2022, 4 Stars
- 2022 Platter's Wine Guide awarded in 2020, 4 Stars
- 2021 Michelangelo Wine Awards, Gold
- 2021 National Wine Challenge, Double Platinum
- 2021 Platter's Wine Guide, 4 Stars (2017 Vintage)
- 2020 Michelangelo Wine Awards, Gold

