



Site Specific Excellence

THE WINE As part of Van Loveren’s drive to continuously improve its wine quality, a specific 1 hectare block of Pinotage vineyard (Block 3) on the Buitensorg farm was identified for its outstanding quality.

This block is managed in a unique manner where only one third of our normal yield of Pinotage is harvested, further increasing the potential of this exceptional vineyard.

The 2017 vintage is one of South Africa’s best on record with a cold winter, adequate rainfall and consistent warm growing conditions between fruit set and harvesting. There were no heat spikes that affected the ripening of the grapes which allowed the grapes to mature gradually.

After hand harvesting, the grapes were carefully crushed and fermented by the Cellar Master with an extended period on the skins to extract good colour but also firm but ripe tannins. After fermentation the wines were aged for a period of 18 months in new French oak barrels. Only 9 barrels of this special Pinotage (approx. 3,500 bottles) were produced.

CULTIVAR 100% Pinotage

TONS PER HECTARE 8 tonnes / ha

AGE OF VINES 15 years old

SOIL Karoo, clay soils.

ANALYSIS Alc: 14.15% / R/S: 3.4 g/l / T/A: 5.3g/l / pH: 3.54

MATURATION POTENTIAL Drink now or mature up to 15 years.

TASTING NOTES Complex aromas of damson, mulberry and blackberry fruitare complimented by sweet roasted coffee bean and vanilla spice. The palate is beautifully balanced with ripe yet firm tannins, a velvety mouthfeel and flavours of dark cherry, plum, nutmeg, Christmas spices and a long decadent dark chocolate finish.

- ACCOLADES**
- 2022 National Wine Challenge, Top 100 & Double Platinum awards (2020 Vintage)
 - 2022 Platter’s Wine Guide (awarded 2021) 4,5 Stars
 - 2021 Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Double Gold
 - 2020 National Wine Challenge, Top 100 & Double Platinum awards
 - 2019 Platter’s Wine Guide 4,5 Star

VINEYARD Name/ Buitensorg

PLANTED	CLONE
2012	P145

TONNES / Hectare	ROOTSTOCK
3991	USVIT 8-7

