



FOUNDED 1693

FAIRVIEW

Established in 1693, the Fairview cellar, with its spectacular view of Table Mountain, lies on the southwestern slopes of Paarl in the Cape of Good Hope. My grandfather purchased Fairview in 1937, and I am the third generation to make wine here. We have vineyards in the leading coastal grape producing areas, where geographic and climatic diversity allow us to craft a range of truly distinctive wines, which we complement with our award-winning artisanal cheeses. To Life!

Charles Back

Fairview Pinotage 2017

IN THE VINEYARD:

Perfectly at home in Paarl, our Pinotage is harvested from both older dryland bush vines and from trellised vineyards on the Fairview farm in Paarl. The soils are mainly decomposed granite.

HARVEST DATE:

20 – 31 January 2017

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked over a number of days to ensure perfect maturity of each block. The bunches were destalked and lightly crushed before fermentation in stainless steel tanks and open top *foudres*. After malolactic fermentation was completed, the wine spent ten months in 15% new French and American oak barrels, before blending and bottling.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

Pinotage is one of the more challenging varieties to work with. The naturally firm tannins need to be carefully managed and the fruit profile respected. Time in bottle will certainly be a help to express the fantastic Pinotage characteristics and ultimately a very rewarding wine. – *Anthony de Jager*

TASTING NOTES:

Bright ruby red colour. Blueberries, violets and plum aromas with hints of dark chocolate. Full bodied palate followed by plums, dark fruit flavours, subtle oak with elegant tannin structure on the finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATION:

Enjoy with beef fillet or spicy Cape Malay curries.



Wine of Origin	Paarl
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Alcohol	14.0%
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Residual sugar	2.8 g/l
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Total acid	5.1 g/l
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pH	3.55
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Varieties	Pinotage	100%
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Closure	Cork
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