



# **Kadette Pinotage**

## 2019

WINEMAKER Abrie Beeslaar
COMPOSITION 100% Pinotage
ORIGIN Stellenbosch
AGE OF VINES 7 to 22 years
IRRIGATION Supplemental

SOIL TYPE Decomposed Granite and Hutton

YIELD 6 - 7 tons per hectare

AGEING POTENTIAL 5 to 7 years from vintage PRODUCTION VOLUME 60 000 cases (6 x 750ml)

FOOD PAIRING Pizza | Pasta | Barbequed meat | Venison

stew | Beef or lamb burgers | Thai cuisine

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The carry-over effect of the previous three year's drought was still visible in this vintage, despite the higher rainfall during the season, and it delivered a smaller crop, but of high quality. Despite the relative low water stress, the cool weather contributed to smaller berries, and less irrigation was needed in this growing season.

### WINEMAKING / MATURATION

Fermentation took place in open top concrete fermenters at 28°C. The floating skins were punched down mechanically, every 2 hours during fermentation. The juice was drawn off the skins after 3 days. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured for 12 months in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fill 225L French Nevers oak barrels.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Attractive crimson hues, with scented aromas of red currants, strawberry confit and dried rose petals. The palate is medium-bodied and opulent, with finely textured tannins and flavours of red pastille sweets, bright cherries and a hint of spice. The acidity is in balance with the fruit and wood components, and adds a sparkle of freshness to the alluring red berry flavours on the finish.

ALC 14.43% | RS 2.5 g/l | TA 5.2 g/l | pH 3.79 | FREE SO2 50 mg/l | TOTAL SO2 96 mg/l | VA 0.66 g/l