



Wolf & Woman

2023

PINOTAGE

Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinotage

Vineyard: Paardeberg (90%

Joubertskloof Valley - 10%

Aprilskloof Valley)

Vine Age: 51-years-old

(Joubertskloof) - 25-years-old

(Aprilskloof)

Soil Type: Decomposed granite

Viticulture: Sustainable – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – open-top

plastic fermenters (15% whole-cluster - 85% whole-berry)

Skin Contact: 12 days

Aging: 10 months in neutral 300L &

500L French barrels

Alcohol: 12.8%

pH: 3.7

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L

Total SO2: 60 ppm

Total Production: 408 cases

UPC: 6009648141384

Reviews

The WineMag | 93 points

Tim Atkin, MW | 95 points

Vinous | 91 points

About

Pinotage is something Jolandie always knew she wanted to make but it is by far her biggest challenge. It is an untamed beast in many ways and deserves the highest respect of the winemaker in order to eschew the less than desirable notes and instead focus on the purity and nuance the grape actually has. Being a cross between Cinsault and Pinot Noir, Jolandie never understood why anyone would look to change the inherent DNA by making it in a manner like Bordeaux varieties. She opts for freshness and vitality in all of her decisions from the vineyard to the bottle, and this way you can still recognize the personalities and traits of the parents.

The fruit was hand-harvested over two picks from two sites on the Paardeberg and then brought back to the cellar for three days of cold soaking. After that, 15% of the fruit was left fully intact with the rest being destemmed, but not crushed. Fermentation occurred without any additions in open-top fermenters with the whole-clusters being placed on top of the destemmed fruit. One gentle punchdown per day was done in order to break up the fruit a bit and to achieve the appropriate amount of extraction. After 12 days on skins the fruit was pressed to a combination of old 300L and 500L French barrels for maturation. Following ten months of aging on the fine lees, the wine was bottled without fining and just a gentle filtration and small sulfur addition.

Tasting Notes

Bright crimson. This is all about dark red cherries, red currants, herbs, and a dash of cumin. Concentrated but elegant, this is not your stereotypical oaky, fruit-bomb Pinotage. It is elegant and balanced and represents the best of new wave South African wine.