



Wolf & Woman

2021

PINOTAGE

Swartland - South Africa



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinotage (bushvines)
Vineyard: Uitvlug Farm
(Joubertskloof, Paardeberg)
Vine Age: 48-years-old (Uitvlug Farm)
Soil Type: Decomposed granite
Viticulture: Sustainable – dry-farmed
Fermentation: Native – open-top
plastic fermenters (20% whole-
cluster / 80% whole-berry)
Skin Contact: 13 days
Aging: 10 months in neutral 300L &
500L French barrels
Alcohol: 12.9%
pH: 3.8
Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L
Total SO₂: 65 ppm
Total Production: 158 cases
UPC: 6009648141384

Reviews

The WineMag | 93 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 a single site on the Paardeberg and 20% of the fruit was left fully intact with 80% 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 two weeks 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 or filtration and just a small sulfur addition.

Tasting Notes

The Pinotage revolution is here. No more dusty tannins, rubbery aromas and roasted coffee dusted fruit. Instead a wine that has a degree of translucency in the glass and on the palate. Aromas of dark red cherries, red currants, dried herbs and a touch of cumin. The palate has great concentration without being heavy and leads to a structured and mouthwatering finish.