



Spioenkop Wines

From the very beginning, it was our crucial goal to source the perfect grapes in Elgin that are unique and fit in the style of wine that was already in my head ...

Spioenkop Pinotage 2018

Grapes	100% Pinotage "Klipkop"/B7 - Elgin
Aspect	West face - South face
Altitude	180 m
Soil type	shale and clay soils
Rootstock	R 101 - 1
Age of the vines	11 years
Trellising	bush vine
Harvest date	the 12 th of February 2018
Winemaking record	Hand-picked grapes in small 18 kg crates, one night in the cool store (8°C) and then destemmed. Five days cold soak in our red fermenter, followed by spontaneous wild yeast fermentation. After fermentation, the grape-skins were slowly pressed in a stainless steel basket press (JLB 5). Natural malolactic fermentation in selected barrels. Barrel ageing, without any racking, for 10 months - no fining and no filtering.
Maturation prior to release	10 months on its natural fine lees (80% new barrels)
Bottling	the 23 th of January 2019
Wine analysis	Alcohol 13.68 % Total acid 6.70 g/l pH 3,31 g/l Residual sugar 2.10 g/l
Cellaring potential	15 years
Winemakers comments	The wine shows a healthy dark-ruby/purple colour and the bouquet offers, at first, intense terroir flavours of graphite, violets, black olives and dark forest fruit. Later you detect cassis, cinnamon and cloves. The palate also offers leather, red cherry, potpourri and dried apricots. This is an elegant style of Pinotage. In addition to this it's a medium bodied wine with a nice dense, pure and wonderful acidity. A nice satin texture finishes this wine which can be drunk over the next 10 - 15 years.