



VONDELING

BOWWOOD PINOTAGE 2015

(100% Pinotage)

VINEYARDS

This wine is made from a small, site specific vineyard, planted in clay soil. The vigour of the vineyard is relatively poor and the vines are very shy yielding. This allows for tiny berries with concentrated flavour. The North-South orientation of the block means that the grapes are well exposed to morning and late afternoon sunshine, which is perfect for intense colour and aromatic development.

VINIFICATION

The grapes are hand-picked in early February with a ripeness of 25 Balling. Each bunch is pre-chilled before being destemmed and berry sorted. The berries are not crushed, but are fermented whole. This allows for a gradual extraction of tannins and colour, which promotes finesse, balance and longevity. The berries are fermented in open top fermenters, which provide easy access for the winemaker to assess and manipulate the fermentation. The wine is punched down (mixed) rigorously for 5 days until just before dry and then basket pressed directly to second fill, 300L American oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel, which promotes harmony and seamless integration of the oak flavours. The wine is further matured on the yeast and malolactic lees for 14 months. At this point the finest 5 barrels are selected, blended and returned to barrel for an additional 8 months. Finally, the wine is kept for 4 months in a stainless-steel tank to promote stability and clarification, before it is bottled and laid to rest for a full year before it is released.

FURTHER REMARKS

The Bowwood Pinotage is produced to rival the very best wines of the world and special attention is given to how the wine will mature over time. This maiden vintage will benefit greatly from additional cellaring to expose the true depth of the wine.

TASTING NOTES & CELLARING & FOOD PAIRING

The 2015 has a delightfully intense plum and berry bouquet with a hint of sweet cloves and vanilla oak. Bold berry fruit and ripe dark plums persist on the palate, nicely supported by smokey vanilla and spicy coconut. The palate is broad and rich with great fruit intensity, soft acidity and abundant finely textured tannin. A full flavoured modern wine with international finesse.



Accolades

2018 Michelangelo Awards - Top Scoring
Pinotage Trophy
2018 Veritas Gold
2018 James Suckling SA Report 90 points

Analysis

pH	3.58
Total Acidity	5.5 g/l
Residual Sugar	2.1 g/l
Alcohol	14 %

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