




FOUNDED 1693

FAIRVIEW**PRIMO PINOTAGE 2019****LIMITED RELEASE**

One of my favourite pastimes is getting into my car and driving around the winelands in hunt of new parcels of land we can use to maintain our quality of wine, new regions to discover and new people to meet and build relationships with to help deliver a product that is authentic and delivers on value. My personal daily go-to has been my very own Land Cruiser featured on this bottle. She was with me when I discovered a particular single Pinotage vineyard which we call Primo, as it is a prime example of our indigenous grape variety. Primo Pinotage is our selection of the finest wine of the vintage, selected from sites that allow the varietal to find its true expression. To Life!

 Charles Back
**IN THE VINEYARD:**

Our Primo Pinotage was harvested from a bushvine site located on the Fairview farm. The vines grow under dryland conditions in a deep duplex soil (well drained sand and clay) with a laterite subsoil that offers high water retention capacity. The vineyards were planted in 1998 with 1.2m spacing between the vines. The vines are carefully suckered in summer (removing unnecessary shoots) and the crop was reduced to one or two bunches per shoot, depending on the vigour of each vine. This resulted in a balanced crop to achieve concentration of flavour and texture in the wine.

HARVEST DATE: Early February 2020**WINEMAKING:**

The grapes were hand-harvested at an average of 25° brix. Next the grapes were destemmed and hand-sorted to remove raisins and green stems. Fermentation took place in open-top French oak fermenters (foudre) and manual punch downs (pigeage) were done twice a day. Once alcoholic fermentation was completed, the wine was basket pressed and transferred to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation, with 45% of the barrels being new oak. In total, the wine spent 22 months maturing in oak barrels.

TASTING NOTE:

Deep dark red colour in the glass. Complex aromas of raw cocoa, black berry and plum, cinnamon and spice. A brooding palate that brims with dark fruit and complex savoury flavours. Bold tannins leading to a subtly dry finish. This wine shows great ageing potential.

RECOGNITION (CURRENT & PREVIOUS VINTAGES)

2019: 4 ½ stars Platter South African Wine Guide 2022
2018: 4 ½ stars Platter South African Wine Guide 2021
2016: Absa Top 10 Pinotage 2018
2013: Top 100 SA Wines 2015, Diners Club Winemaker of the Year finalist
2012: 90 points – Stephen Tanzer’s Wine Review June 2015
2011: 91 points – Tim Atkins SA Report Publication 2014
2011: Top 100 SA Wines 2013
2010: 4 ½ stars Platter South African Wine Guide 2013

Wine of Origin	Paarl
Alcohol	13.79%
Residual sugar	2.7 g/l
Total acid	5.4 g/l
pH	3.75
Varieties	
Pinotage	100%
Closure	Natural Cork