



BEYERSKLOOF

Diesel Pinotage

From the classy, take-me-seriously bottle with its elegant label, featuring a delicate drawing of a remarkable canine companion, to the multiple awards proclaiming its status, it is obvious that Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage is a wine to take note of. This wine shows what we are trying to accomplish with our elegant style of premium Pinotage. A local Hero.

Wine Name: Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage
Varietal(s): 100% Pinotage
Vintage: **2010**
Soil: Oakleaf
Trellising: Bush vines

Vintage Notes: Above average rainfall and cold weather during winter ensured a good water intake by the soils for growth season. Early budding of the vines started because of warm conditions during September. The start of summer had a lot of rain as well as strong winds which caused uneven ripening, smaller berries and lower yields. High temperatures during summer made for an early harvest. The 2010 harvest will be remembered for small yields, especially on the red cultivars, but greater quality.

Winemaking: 5 days in open casks with punch downs every 2 hours. Average fermentation temperature was 26.5°C. After Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine matured in 75% new and 25% second fill French oak barrels for 22 months. After maturation, only 20 barrels were selected out of 300.



Technical Information

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l
Alcohol: 15.0%
pH: 3.62
Total SO₂: 139 mg/l
Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/l
Age of Vines: 15 - 20 years old

Colour: Deep ruby red.

Bouquet: Rich blackcurrent, dark cherries, prunes and cedar oak aromas.

Tasting notes: A big structured Pinotage with intense dark fruit flavours. A complex middle leads to a smooth finish with pleasant cedar and mocha flavours from the oak. Great balance between fruit and oak will allow for ageing superbly in the bottle for 10 years and more. The ideal match to spicy Indian dishes or a well matured fillet or rump steak.