

Pinotage is not everyone's darling and often hard to get used to. This Bottelary Pinotage is an absolute exception. Great structure, ripe tannins, a warming mouthfeel with loads of dark fruit and plum. Superb!

NEIL ELLIS BOTELLARY PINOTAGE



Neil Ellis is considered to be one of the most influential pioneers of the modern-day South African wine industry. His vision, the pursuit of quality, extended out of the cellar and into the vineyards where varieties would excel and best express a particular style of wine reflective of their environment. Today, the experience and knowledge of the past are applied to modern techniques and technologies for a new generation of winemaking. The team at Neil Ellis Wines, which includes Neil's daughter and two sons in leading roles, believes in responsible environmental practices. They are committed to respecting the soil, cutting water use, recycling and reducing energy use and greenhouse emissions. They are a member of the IPW, a voluntary environmental sustainability program, and comply to their regulations.

VITICULTURE

The Ellis family focuses on delivering terroir driven wines from selected in the Western Cape region with their main vineyards located in Stellenbosch, Jonkershoek, and Elgin Valley. Harvesting is done by hand and usually done at night in order to maintain the grapes natural freshness.



VINIFICATION

In the cellar, Warren Ellis practices low intervention techniques. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel and depending on the style of wine, the wine either stays in stainless steel on its fine lees or is transferred to a combination of 500 l new and used French oak barrels.



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Region	Western Cape, BOTTELLARY
Classification	Wine of South Africa
Vintage	2018
Grapes	100% Pinotage
Soil Composition	Decomposed granite and clay
Vineyard Training	20-year old bush vines
Density/Yield	50 hl/ ha
Fermentation	Fermentation in stainless steel with several punch-downs. Further maceration took place before light pressing. Aging in 500 l French barrels, of which 33% was new, for 14 months.
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	2.3g/l
PH	3.53 g/l
TA	5.2 g/l
Free SO2	45 mg/l
Total SO2	75 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

Just outside Cape Town lies the rolling hills of the Bottelary region, creating a unique terrain for the cultivation of Pinotage; one of the wild horses in grape varieties. This is where sun, slopes and sea breezes combine to produce an elegant, medium bodied and well-structured Pinotage that has been described as one of the best examples of the variety in the world. The Bottelary vineyard is planted with bush vines that are more than 20 years old and that grow on decomposed granite. This multi-faceted wine shows dark plum, cherry and blackberry fruit touched by elegant floral notes. The tannins are ripe, fresh and well-integrated, providing the perfect backbone and structure.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Great choice with pepper steak, osso buco, venison and game birds, roasted lamb, a traditional bobotie as well as any kind of South African braai.