

Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage

Francois Van Niekerk Wines

South Africa -

Dense purple hues, with evocative aromas of black cherries, ripe plums, nectarines, boysenberry, wild bramble and exotic oak spice. The juicy and sweet-fruited palate entry, combined with crunchy tannins, lures one into a sense of overtness, yet the wine is sublimely elegant and poised. The complex layers of fruit is in perfect harmony with the oak, all bound together by a lively seam of acidity. The finish is pleasantly dry and savory, with lingering notes of Christmas cake and vanilla pod.

Specifications

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| Wine Type | Red |
| Varietals | 100% Pinotage |
| Age of Vines | Average 27 years |
| Soil type | Malmesbury Shale |
| Vinification | Vineyards are located in Paarl and Wellington. > Handpicked grapes were destemmed, sorted and fermented in open top fermenters at 270C. The cap was punched down every 2 hours during fermentation. The juice was drawn off the skins after 5 days. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to 225L French oak barrels made from carefully selected wood from the Tronçais forest. Malolactic fermentation took place in a combination of 70% new and 30% second fill barrels. The wine was matured for 24 months in barrel. Only 12 barrels produced. |
| Production | 300 (9-liter cases) |
| Pairings | Barbequed meats, especially venison and beef / bobotie / lamb curry / seared tuna / spicy Asian-styled cuisine / aromatic curries / duck with sweet plum sauce / beef or lamb burgers / pizza |



Codes, Weights and Measures

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| UPC | 7 84585 02926 6 |
| Units/Case | 6 |
| Unit Size | 750 mL |
| Container | bottle |
| SCC | 1 07 84585 02926 3 |
| Case Weight | 25 |
| Cases/Pallet | 70 |
| Layers/Pallet | 7 |

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| ABV | 14.50% |
| SRP | \$ 97.99 USD 750mL Bottle |

Reviews and News

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| 2021 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 94 PTS - TA |
| 2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - Gold Medal - Concours Bruxelles |
| 2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 94 PTS - TA |
| 2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 92 PTS - WE |
| 2019 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 96 PTS - DECANTER |