

# 2024 Piekenierskloof Pinotage

# Winemaking

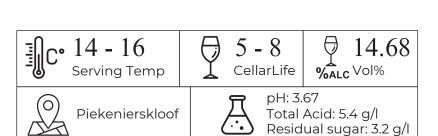


Grapes are handpicked, destemmed and cold soaked for 24 hours. Fermentation is initiated with selected yeast strain and is temperature is spiked at 28 degree C and then cooled to 24 degree C. Regular pump-overs with oxygen is given for maximum colour and flavour extraction. Malolactic fermentation is inoculated with alcoholic fermentation. After fermentation the wine is pressed from the skins to 300 litre French oak barrels, 25% new oak, rest older oak barrels – to mature for 12 months before being bottled.

## **Tasting Profile**



The Pinotage is an excellent example of a pure South African Pinotage, showcasing intense and vibrant dark red fruit, ripe cherries and plums. The mouthfeel has a rich texture, with firm tannins, full bodied and great length.







### **Food Pairing**

This wine pairs well with beef steak or venison - Kudu fillet is a perfect match!



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#### **Sipping Stories**

Grapes are sourced from vineyards predominantly in the Piekenierskloof region. These are dry land bush vine vineyards and grow on officerly and sandy loam soils. Vineyards are planted in 1987. The Vineyard is meticulously farmed, and yields were about 5 tons per hectare. Harvesting took place in the middle to end of February.

Nestled in the Citrusdal Mountains, some 50 kilometers north of Swartland, is the magnificent Piekenierskloof plateau, which provides the perfect natural environment for vineyards to thrive. At 750 meters above sea level, the plateau's climate is characterised by warm days and cool nights, which allow grapes to slowly ripen and develop complex fruit flavours. Ungrafted bush vines planted since the 1960's is still used in the production of Piekenierskloof Wine Company's range of wines.