



VERREAUX

Pinotage

2019

A Singular Vision

The Mighty Verreaux Eagle with a total length of up to a meter and wingspan of up to 2.3m (7'7") is one of the largest eagles in the world. This rare and magnificent eagle with the unmistakable jetblack colouration and distinct white "V" on its back is a common sight in the skies above Alvi's Drift. Soaring high above any other, it is the undisputed king of the sky. Alvi's Drift honours this legendary South African bird with a unique South African wine that soars above all others. A wine made without compromise to showcase the very best of what makes Alvi's Drift and South Africa unique and exceptional.

Vintage Note

Despite a late start of Winter, we had good rainfall this vintage. Spring saw some unusual weather with a brief heatwave and cold-snap in October but otherwise a great vintage. The grape harvest was slightly larger than recent harvests with good acidity, sugar and elegance which boded well for quality. The grapes were healthy, full and ripe with exceptionally good colour in the red varieties and intense flavour in both our white and red cultivars.

The vineyard selected for our Icon wine, the Verreaux Pinotage, are hand harvested from a 30-year old vineyard grown on Limestone soil. It is our philosophy to hand select the bunches in the early morning to ensure that cool, optimally ripe bunches are delivered to the winery.



Tasting Note

A medium to full bodied wine with a dark ruby colour. Forthcoming aromas of vanilla, hints of spice and liquorice root on a rich offering of bramble berries, black cherries and plums. The wine has gripping tannins which are beautifully balanced with the fruit that follows through on the palate. This wine is a beautifully elegant expression of Pinotage that lingers tantalisingly on the palate and has all the potential to be enjoyed for at least another 10 years.

Cultivar Information

100% Pinotage

Analysis

- Residual Sugar 4.6g/l
- Alcohol 13.6%
- Acidity 5.6 g/l
- pH 3.5

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