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Lanzerac Pinotage 1998

The 1998 Pinotage has an excellent deep colour, with ripe, plummy red fruits on the nose and palate with a good mouth-feel and lingering aftertaste. With five to ten years' maturation it will start to acquire the velvet density and luxurious chocolate and caramel flavours of its very early Lanzerac predecessor the first commercially bottled Lanzerac launched in 1961. It is a full-bodied wine, complex, with a beautiful fruit/wood balance and a good tannin structure that will allow it to age extremely well.



variety : Pinotage | Pinotage
winery : Lanzerac
winemaker : Jan de Waal
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.11 % vol **rs :** 4.0 g/l **pH :** 3.72 **ta :** 5.12 g/l

ABSA Top 10 (2000), SAA Business Class selection.

ageing : Keep for 5 to 10 years.

in the vineyard : Vineyard Blocks: Single vineyard block.
Area:3 Ha
Crop Size: 28 tons
Tons per hectare: 9 t/ha
Age of Vines: 30 years
Rootstock: Richter 99
Soil: Gravel with a clay sub-structure.
Plant direction: N/S
Trellising: Perold system
Density: 3, 041 vines per ha
Space between rows: 2,74 m
Space between vines: 1,2 m

Irrigation
Overhead irrigation

Canopy Management
Winter pruning is followed by effective suckering and shoot thinning during summer. Optimal balance between vigour and crop load is achieved by pruning through the correct number of bearer eyes (2).

about the harvest: All harvesting is done by hand. Extreme care is taken not to damage grapes and only healthy grapes are picked. Grapes are picked when fully ripe.
HARVEST DATE: 23-27/2/98

in the cellar : After harvesting in early February, the grapes were de-stalked, inoculated and fermented on the skins for eight days. Thereafter malolactic fermentation occurred spontaneously, and the wine was racked before being introduced to 300 litre Nevers and Alliers medium-charred oak barrels. Following three months of resting in wood, it was racked again before being returned to the cleaned out barrels for a further six months.

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