

Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage 2011

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Malay currie, bobotie, venison.

variety : Pinotage | Pinotage 100%

winery : Lanzerac

winemaker : Wynand Lategan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15.05 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.46 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

The Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage is a tribute to the first world's first bottled Pinotage – a 1959 Lanzerac Pinotage.

in the vineyard : The Pinotage grapes for the Pionier comes from a single vineyard 2.38 hectares in size and 400 meters above sea level. In 2011 the age of the vines was 15 years and the crop yield was 4.9 tons/ha. All harvesting and pruning is done by hand.

about the harvest: Extreme care is taken not to damage grapes and only healthy grapes are picked. Harvesting of the 2011 vintage took place in middle February.

in the cellar : After harvesting during February, the grapes were de-stalked; berries were hand-sorted and fermented on the skins for seven days in small stainless steel tanks. Only natural yeasts were used for fermentation. The wine was pressed at around 5 degrees balling. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in new and 2nd fill 225 liter and 300 litre French oak barrels. After malolactic fermentation it was racked and sulphured. Following three months of resting in wood, it was racked again and matured in barrels for a further 18 months.

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