

Longridge Cuvee Rika Pinot Noir 2014

Elegant and light in style, with an abundance of ripe red berries, juicy strawberries and subtle spices on the nose which follow through on the palate where it marries perfectly with a savoury meatiness.

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

winery : Longridge Wine Estate

winemaker : Jasper Raats

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.61

type : Red **wooded**

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

in the vineyard : A minimum interference approach is taken in the vineyards to get a true reflection of the unique terroir of the cooler Elgin Climate. A single vineyard wine, meticulously cared for by hand.

in the cellar :

This wine has been naturally fermented in small open top fermenters with no enzymes, preservatives or stabilisers before being aged in a combination of new French and seasoned barrels. Pinot Noir improves with time and so will this one, but due to the very natural way in which the wine is produced, it may develop a harmless sediment.

Over the past decade, Jasper has built an international reputation for crafting outstanding wines such as Sauvignon and Pinot from the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, but more particularly for his seven years of winemaking efforts in New Zealand. Crafting very individualistic wines "that I like and can make without any restrictions or guidelines" has been a natural progression, two years after returning to South Africa. After natural yeast fermentation in small open tanks, the wine spent 15 Months in 3rd fill French oak.

