

Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection Pinot Noir 2016

The wine shows a bright red colour. A slightly savoury bouquet gives way to a palate of soft red berries that is supported by a supple tannin profile.

Good mineral notes linger on the palate and a fresh acidity ensure that this wine pairs very well with food.

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

winery : Kleine Zalze Wines

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

in the vineyard : The grapes were sourced from Stellenbosch (False Bay), and Elim. 2016 vintage conditions can be described as relatively warm and dry until midFebruary after which there was a significant drop in temperature.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked early in the morning at 22° - 23° balling.

in the cellar : When vinifying Pinot Noir the word "elegance" is always present in your mind. We worked gently not to over extract tannins and to protect the natural Pinot Noir flavours. The grapes were destemmed, without crushing, and moved to tank for fermentation. Inoculation with a selected yeast strain and fermentation took place at 25° C. We only did 2 pump overs per day to extract only the fine elegant tannins out of the skins. Only the free run wine was put into barrel where it went through malolactic fermentation and matured for 14 months. We only used 2nd and 3rd fill 300l French barrels.



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