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Boschendal 1685 Pinotage 2016

Rich, ripe and vibrant red and black currants, tobacco spice and plumbs with a juicy, savoury mid-palate of fruit. A classic example of South Africa's very own grape varietal.

For Export Only

In South Africa we love to braai. Pinotage is truly South African, so serve it with your best grilled meats, pork belly and even slightly spicy curries.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Boschendal Estate
winemaker : Richard Duckitt
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 3.5 g/l **pH :** 3.5 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : This style is made to be consumed within the first 8 years, but with careful, temperature-controlled cellaring its longevity will span well beyond that – only your patience will determine how long it will last.

in the vineyard : The 2016 vintage was one of the driest years we have experienced in ages. A dry winter followed by a dry summer, and less tons per hectare than usual. It did, however, result in small berries and great fruit concentration for the wines.

The fruit are grown on high-quality sites around the Swartland, Durbanville and Stellenbosch. These dryland bush vines were selected to provide complexity, concentration and intensity. The cool climate and contrasting warmer sites express the truly unique terroir of South Africa.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-harvested in early February 2016.

in the cellar : The grapes were sorted then crushed and fermented in open top stainless steel tanks. Manual punch downs were conducted (of the skins) to ensure a fine tannin and colour extraction. After fermentation, the wine was pressed and half stored in stainless steel tanks and the other half in older barrels for maturation. This is a style is made to be consumed within the first 8 years however with careful temperature control, only your patience will determine how long it will last.

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