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Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage 2015

The Pionier Pinotage is a tribute to the world's first bottle of Pinotage - a 1959 Lanzerac Pinotage. This wine delivers dense, concentrated fruit and layers of different flavours. Christmas spices of nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon surround plums, prunes, berries and currants whilst the well-integrated oak and soft, silky tannins add backbone and length.

An elegant wine, with enough structure to enable it to last for a decade or more, it's best paired with Springbok fillets with a red wine and cranberry jus.



variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Lanzerac
winemaker : Wynand Lategan
wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.55 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : Drink now to 2030.

in the vineyard : The Pinotage grapes for the Pionier Pinotage comes from a single vineyard 2.38 hectares in size and 400 meters above sea level. In 2015 the age of the vines was 19 years and the crop yield was 6.48 tons/ha. All harvesting and pruning is done by hand. Extreme care is taken not to damage grapes and only healthy grapes are picked.

about the harvest: 6 February 2015.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were de-stalked and berries were hand-sorted and fermented on the skins for seven days in small stainless steel tanks. Only natural yeast was used for fermentation. The wine was pressed at 2° Balling and underwent malolactic fermentation in new and 2nd fill 225 litre 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. Only the best barrels were hand selected and blended to create this limited release of 4700 bottles.

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