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Allee Bleue Pinotage 2016

Intense brick red colour. Upfront fruit bringing to mind ripe cherries and plums followed by sweet vanilla pods , liquorice and some cedar wood, all reflecting the cultivar. The palate is rich, soft and very elegant. A full flavoured Pinotage that depicts the terroir and cultivar.

The wine is ideal for Springbok loin Beef Wellington with a berry jus and glazed vegetables.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Allee Bleue Estate
winemaker : Van Zyl du Toit
wine of origin : Franschhoek
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.45 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : Will age well over the next 3 - 5 years.

Style of wine: Wood Matured Dry Red Wine

in the vineyard : The grapes were sourced from a selected vineyard on our estate and also a 51 years old vineyard in Piekenierskloof. We have been farming these special blocks differently for the past 6 years, and this wine is a culmination of those efforts.

in the cellar : The grapes were sourced from a selected vineyard on our estate and also a 41 year old vineyard in Piekenierskloof. We have been farming these special blocks differently for the past 8 years, and this wine is a culmination of those efforts. After harvesting, sorting and cooling, the grapes
were crushed and a cold soak done for 4 days at 7 °C. After inoculation with a selected yeast strain, the punch downs started intensely for only 4 days before pressing at 8 °B. This ensures a supple and smooth Pinotage. The finished wine underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel and
further maturation for 16 months before blending and bottling. Of the barrels used, 50% were new and the rest 2nd and 3rd fill. We also use 5 % American Oak in this wine