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Lanzerac Heritage Pionier Pinotage 2018

The Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage is a tribute to the world's first bottled Pinotage - a 1959 Lanzerac Pinotage. The 2018 Pionier has excellent deep color, with typical varietal aromas like ripe, plummy red fruit on the nose and palate. A big mouth-feel, complex and velvety pallet, and long and lingering aftertaste rounds of this wine perfectly.

Enjoy this flagship wine with a slow cooked rich oxtail and butter bean curry or duck au vin with chestnuts, onions and mushrooms.



variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Lanzerac
winemaker : Wynand Lategan
wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley
analysis : **alc :** 13.84 % vol **rs :** 3.1 g/l **pH :** 3.42 **ta :** 6.0 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The Pionier Pinotage 2017 was made from a 21-year old single vineyard that produced a yield of 5.52 tons/ha. This single vineyard is 1.99 hectares in size and is 400 meters above sea level. All harvesting, pruning and canopy management is done by hand.

in the cellar : After harvesting the grapes were de-stalked and hand-sorted followed by natural fermentation in open wooden fermenters. The natural fermentation took about 7 days to complete after which the wine was pressed with a small basket press. Malolactic fermentation took place in new-, second and third fill 225 litre French oak barrels. After malolactic fermentation the wine was racked and sulphured. During maturation in barrel for a total time of 21 months the wine was racked a further two times to soften the tannins.

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