

## Rijks Reserve Pinotage 2018

A concentrated and multi-layered wine. Raspberry, ripe plum and white pepper aromas with the slightest hint of milk chocolate. The palate is rich and balanced with notes of blackcurrant, cherry and darker fruits ending in a long lingering finish. This wine shows the power of the vintage, without compromising on elegance and finesse. Silky, well integrated tannins ensure excellent longevity.

**variety** : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery** : Rijks Wine Estate

**winemaker** : Adriaan Jacobs

**wine of origin** : Tulbagh

**analysis** : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 5.8 g/l

**type** : Red **body** : Full **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

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

Full bodied red wine. Fruit driven food wine.

**in the vineyard** : Soil: Low yielding, well drained vertical shale/schist

Yield: 6.4 tons/Ha

Aspect: West-North-West & East

Trellis: 70% raised bush vine and 30% trellised (VSP)

**about the harvest**: Grapes were night harvested and picked by hand to retain flavours.

**in the cellar** : A 48-hour cold maceration period was given prior to fermentation to extract colour and fruit. Extraction during fermentation took place by doing manual punch downs 3 times per day. Skins were gently pressed before fermented dry. MLF took place in barrels, after which it was matured for 22 months in 60% new and 40% 2nd fill French oak barrels. This wine was made by blending a strict selection of the finest 20 barrels.



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