

## Raka Pinotage 2022

The Raka Pinotage presents itself with a deep ruby hue and purple rim. Aromas of dark fruit, blackcurrant, and red cherry burst forth, intertwined with sweet spices, cinnamon, and hints of banana. The palate is met with luscious, ripe fruit, complemented by subtle vanilla and spicy oak nuances. Polished tannins provide structure, while a balanced acidity ensures a refreshing finish. As the wine lingers, flavors of juicy plum, blackberry, and dusty earthy notes leave a lasting impression.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Raka Wines

**winemaker :** Josef Dreyer

**wine of origin :** Klein River

**analysis :** alc : 14 % vol   rs : 2.5 g/l   pH : 3.65   ta : 5.4 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **body :** Medium   **taste :** Fruity   **wooded**

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

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested by hand

**in the cellar :** The grapes were sorted and crushed to stainless steel tanks. Cold soaking for 4 days before a pure yeast culture (BM 45 and NT50) was inoculated. The juice was pumped over the skins 3-5 times per day and punched down for 5 days during fermentation, for optimal color, tannin and flavor extraction. Once fermentation was complete, after about two weeks, the wine was drained of the skins and transferred to a resting tank, the skins were gently pressed in a pneumatic bladder press. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the wine to a combination of 300 litre barrels of 80% French and 20% Hungarian oak for 12 months in a combination of new second, third and fourth fill barrels. A coarse filter is used before bottling.



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