

Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage

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South Africa -

Dense purple hues, with evocative aromas of black cherries, ripe plums, nectarines, boysenberry, wild bramble and exotic oak spice. The juicy and sweet-fruited palate entry, combined with crunchy tannins, lures one into a sense of overtiness, yet the wine is sublimely elegant and poised. The complex layers of fruit is in perfect harmony with the oak, all bound together by a lively seam of acidity. The finish is pleasantly dry and savory, with lingering notes of Christmas cake and vanilla pod.

Specifications	
Wine Type	Red
Varietals	100% Pinotage
Age of Vines	Average 27 years
Soil type	Malmesbury Shale
Vinification	Vineyards are located in Paarl and Wellington. > Handpicked grapes were destemmed, sorted and fermented in open top fermenters at 270C. The cap was punched down every 2 hours during fermentation. The juice was drawn off the skins after 5 days. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to 225L French oak barrels made from carefully selected wood from the Tronçais forest. Malolactic fermentation took place in a combination of 70% new and 30% second fill barrels. The wine was matured for 24 months in barrel. Only 12 barrels produced.
Production	300 (9-liter cases)
Pairings	Barbequed meats, especially venison and beef / bobotie / lamb curry / seared tuna / spicy Asian-styled cuisine / aromatic curries / duck with sweet plum sauce / beef or lamb burgers / pizza



Codes, Weights and Measures	
UPC	7 84585 02926 6
Units/Case	6
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 02926 3
Case Weight	25
Cases/Pallet	70
Layers/Pallet	7
ABV	14.5%
SRP	\$ 97.99 USD 750mL Bottle

Reviews and News
2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - Gold Medal - Concours Bruxelles
2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 94 PTS - TA
2020 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 92 PTS - WE
2019 Francois Van Niekerk Pinotage - 96 PTS - DECANTER