



PAINTED WOLF

ROS PINOTAGE ROSÉ 2020

Paarl, South Africa



Technical Notes

The grapes for this wine were sourced from Knolerfontein Farm in the Voor Paardeberg ward of Paarl. Knolerfontein is the largest Pinotage vineyard in the world. During the last two weeks of January the grapes were hand-harvested into small crates and taken to the cellar where a portion was whole-bunch pressed. The remainder was destalked, gently crushed and cooled before being left on the skins for six hours. Juice was then drawn off the skins and cold-fermented in a stainless steel tank. The saignee portion and whole bunch fermented wine were then blended to achieve this pale pink colored wine. Only the lightest and most elegant free run juice was used. In total 13,200 bottles were produced.

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About this Wine

So much has been written about Pinotage and for many it is South African wine's defining grape. Since its creation in 1925 through the crossing of Pinot Noir and Hermitage (Cinsaut), it has been fashioned as a red table wine-intended to straddle the aromatic and flavour spectrums of Burgundy and the Rhône Valley. Signature wines of iconic status have been made with this grape, and it is now being successfully used to create Provençal-style rosé wines. Rosé is named after Ros Koch, whose charming illustration of a painted wolf puppy is featured on the label. The first vintages of Painted Wolf wine were made at her husband's family farm in Simondium using grapes from the farm. This wine displays characteristics very similar to those found in a rosé from Provence. It is a wonderfully dry, fruity wine with delicate pomegranate and cranberry aromas complimented by subtle hints of rose petal. On the palate these are joined by savory, almost biscuity flavors underlined by crisp acidity and a long finish.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 12.72%
Total Acid: 6.28 g/l
pH: 3.29
Residual Sugar: 1.82

- ✓ VEGAN FRIENDLY
- ✓ SUSTAINABLE
- ✗ ORGANIC
- ✗ BIODYNAMIC

Clones planted: PI 48, PI 6.
Rootstock: Richter 99 and 110
Soil types: Decomposed shale, granite.
Trellis system: Bush vines
Irrigation: drip irrigation
Average production: 8 tonnes per hectare
Harvest date: last two weeks of January
Altitude: 200m above sea level
Temperature: Hot summers with temperatures often in excess of 30C. Cool winters with plenty of sunshine year round.
Rainfall: 700mm per annum, mostly in winter.

Food Pairings

This wine was a winner in South Africa's Perold ABSA Pinotage Rosé competition 2020.

Painted Wolf Wines supports the conservation of the highly endangered painted wolf (African wild dog) and the protection of the diminishing wild spaces of Africa, through its donations to the EWT (www.ewt.org.za) and Tusk (www.tusk.org).

