



GUILLERMO

PINOTAGE 2021

Swartland, South Africa

Technical Notes

The grapes for this wine were sourced from two sites in the Swartland - certified organic grapes, and biodynamic grapes from the Kasteelsig vineyard on iron rich shale soil, which were supplemented with a sustainably certified grapes from the Leeuwenkuil farm, grown on a composite soil of decomposed shale and granite. Neither of these vineyards are irrigated resulting in small bunches and tiny berries with considerable concentration. Yields are just over 3 ton/acre. Grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and taken to the cellar where they were hand sorted, destalked and gently crushed. After cold-soaking for 4 days the Kasteelsig grapes were fermented in open bins, which were hand-plunged 4X a day. Leeuwenkuil grapes were fermented in tanks and pumped over 3 times a day. No commercial yeast was used as these grapes ferment well with their own yeast - besides, natural fermentation contributes to the sense of place in a wine. The final wine contains 100% pinotage. The wine matured in a mixture of French and American oak barrels for 14 months.. Approximately 25% was new wood. 46 barrels, or just shy of 14,000 bottles, were produced.

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About this Wine

Guillermo Pinotage is named after Billy 'Guillermo' Hughes, close friend of Jeremy and Emma Borg, owners of Painted Wolf Wines. He was among the first investors in their winemaking and conservation adventure, trading grapes for shares in Painted Wolf. Billy, who owns Kasteelsig vineyard, is an uncompromising exponent of organic and naturally-farmed grapes with a keen interest in biodynamics. For a few vintages Jeremy helped Billy make his Nativo wines. Jenny Metelerkamp, who lived with Jeremy and Emma in the bush in Botswana, produced the fine painted wolf ink drawing for the labels. Jeremy has applied the winemaking knowledge that he learned at Rosenblum Cellars, many years ago while making Zinfandel, to his Pinotage production. As such he has earned the reputation of making one of South Africa's very best. A beguiling wine with rich, spicy red berry and black cherry aromas, evident ripe tannins and a long, complex finish, often mistaken for a wine from the northern Rhone.



Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 14.0%

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.64

Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/l

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

Brand Ethos

Painted Wolf wines is the leading conservation wine producer in South Africa and contributes 4% to 5% of annual revenue to conservation charities. Most, but not all the funding goes to efforts to conserve Southern African most endangered carnivore, the African Painted wolf also known as the Painted dog or African wild dog. The company also support social upliftment programs, and from time to time the conservation of other species such as pangolins and vultures.

Tasting Note

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Scores/Review

90 pts Tim Atkin MW 2023

90 pts The Wine Advocate

