

CULINARIA

The Leopard's Leap Culinaria Collection is a celebration of the harmony in which food and wine complement one another. Matching the finest in food with the finest in wine is the very reason behind this exquisite collection to create optimal enjoyment through mutual enhancement.

Culinaria: Pinot Noir

Origin: Culinaria Pinot Noir is a Wine of Origin Western Cape. The grapes originate from the Elgin area and Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir.

Vineyards: Elgin vineyards lie approximately twenty-seven kilometres inland from the sea, with prevailing south-easterly winds. Similar slopes close to the sea in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley promote slow ripening.

Wine-making: Grapes were hand-picked at 23,5 degrees Balling. Traditional wine-making methods were used, allowing minimal intervention. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels, whereafter 30% of the wine was matured in first-fill 500-litre barrels, while the remaining 70% was matured in third-and fourth-fill 225-litre French oak barrels for a period of 18 - 20 months.

Analysis:

Alcohol	13,5% Vol	Residual sugar	2,4 g/l
рН	3,49	Total acid	5,5 g/l

Character: Leopard's Leap Culinaria Pinot Noir is a delicate wine with an interesting combination of red and darker fruit nuances, made in a more classic style. Subtle aromas of cranberry, hints of raspberry and cherry with delicate undertones of tobacco. Supple tannins and a unique mouthfeel make this elegantly weighted wine exceptionally versatile in food-and-wine pairing.

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