



VERREAUX

Pinotage

2017

A Singular Vision

The mighty Verreaux's eagle (*Aquila verreauxii*) with a total length of up to a meter and wingspan of up to 2.3m (7'7") is one of the largest eagles in the world. This rare and magnificent eagle with the unmistakable jet-black colouration and distinct white "V" on its back is a common sight in the skies above Alvi's Drift. Soaring high above any other, it is the undisputed king of the sky.

Alvi's Drift honours this legendary South African bird with a unique South African wine that soars above all others. A wine made without compromise to showcase the very best of what makes Alvi's Drift and South Africa unique and exceptional.

Vintage Note

The 2017 vintage was one of the driest on record across the country. Fairly severe frost in the valley in October led to a substantially smaller crop than 2016 for most of the farms in the region. Prudent and frugal irrigation ensured that the grapes from our established Pinotage vines were healthy with excellent colour and flavour. The wine is made entirely from estate grown fruit, hand selected in the early morning to ensure only cool, perfect bunches are delivered to the winery. The grapes were crushed into the traditional open fermenters that date back to the building of our cellar for fermentation. Juice was bled from the skins to improve the color and total phenol levels in the wine. Once fermentation commenced the cap was punched through by hand up to 8 times per day. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 22 months in a combination of new French and American Oak barrels.



Tasting Note

The Verreaux Pinotage is made without compromise, in small volumes, with intense colour, robust tannin and juicy. The aroma of this wine reminds you of sweet Morello cherries, the fruit is complemented with complex flavours of pencil shavings, nuts, and vanilla. Blended from individually selected barrels, the discerning wine lover will appreciate that the Verreaux will reach full potential with 8-10 years of careful cellar maturation.

Cultivar Information 100% Pinotage

Analysis

- Residual Sugar 4.3 g/l
- pH 3.4
- Alcohol 13.9%
- Acidity 6.3 g/l

Awards

- Great Gold in the Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition for Spain 2019
- Great Gold in the International Wine Awards for Spain 2019
- Top 100 & Double Platinum Award in the NWC & Top 100 2019

