



Fact Sheet

J.C. Le Roux Pinot Noir 2007

The House of J.C. Le Roux

The House of J.C. Le Roux was South Africa's first cellar dedicated entirely to the craft of making sparkling wine. Located in the heart of picturesque Devon Valley on the outskirts of Stellenbosch, the cellar is the country's leading sparkling wine producer and is recognised for its craftsmanship and expertise to make the finest Méthode Cap Classiques. These premier vintage Cap Classiques are created in the state-of-the-art cellar in the time-honoured French method of secondary bottle fermentation, known as Méthode Champenoise.

The vineyards

The Pinot noir grapes were handpicked from low-trellised vineyards planted between 1986 and 1997 in the Stellenbosch region. The vines are found at altitudes ranging from 145-320 metres above sea level and face south-west, north and south-east. The soil varies from sandy, weathered granite on light clay subsoil and yellow/brown clay loam soil on clay subsoil.

The winemaking

The House of J.C. Le Roux was the first South African cellar to produce a Pinot Noir Cap Classique. Pinot noir is one of the three most popular cultivars used in the making of champagne in the Champagne region of France.

The grapes were harvested from mid January to 11 February at 18,5–21° Balling. The yield of 6-11 tons per ha was carefully placed in small baskets to prevent bruising. In the cellar, the juice was settled overnight and racked before being inoculated with Prisse de Mousse yeast, a French yeast strain, which results in the typical yeasty character of a fine Méthode Champenoise-style sparkling wine. The wine was fermented cold for 14 days at a temperature of 14-16°C, before undergoing malolactic fermentation. Secondary fermentation took place in the cool controlled climate of the maturation cellar after which the Pinot noir was left to mature on the lees for 18-24 months. The sediment was removed by the traditional method of remuage and disgorgement.

Winemaker's comments: Elunda Basson

J.C. Le Roux Pinot Noir 2007- shows good complexity and length. It has a well-developed nose with toast, yeast and fruit flavors on the palate with a hint of berries. A pleasing creamy character in the mouth, this vintage has a lively, crisp finish.

Analysis

Residual Sugar	7,9 g/l
Extract	16,5 g/l
Total Acidity	6,55 g/l
pH	3,06
Alcohol	12,23 vol%