



# Balance

## *Winemaker's Selection*

### PINOT NOIR

#### **WINE DESCRIPTION**

A refined wine with elegant nuances of warm spice, cherry and raspberry flavours.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The vineyards are found in a variation in meso-climates, exposed hills, and sheltered valleys, with soils from Granite, Sandstone soils and Alluvial soils. Grapes are picked from a selection of these different wards in the Western Cape.

#### **WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES**

The grapes were cold soaked for a day. After traditional skin fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

#### **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

In the months leading to the 2023 harvest, the Cape winelands had a below average winter rainfall. The lower rainfall combined with cooler summer conditions from November caused the grape bunches to have smaller berries with concentrated sugar levels, tannin concentration and more elevated phenolic compounds. Phenolic compounds are natural chemicals found in plants, including fruits and vegetables. They have antioxidant properties and can provide health benefits. In wine, they affect the taste, colour, and mouthfeel.

During late February we had heavy rainfall, which gave some relieve to our vineyards where we do not use irrigation. The 2023 vintage can be remembered as a vintage that led to exiting and complex wines.

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

The perfect match for game fish, game birds or venison, as well as grilled beef and strong, hard cheese.

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**APPELLATION:** Western Cape, South Africa • **VARIETIES:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**HARVEST DATE:** February - March • **VINTAGE:** 2023 • **ALC:** 13% • **RS:** 4.2g/l • **PH:** 3.6 • **TA:** 5.52g/l