



LANZERAC
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Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage 2022

Heritage Range

APPELLATION

Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Single Vineyard

VITICULTURE

The Pionier Pinotage 2022 was made from a 26-year old single vineyard that produced a yield of 5.6 tons/ha. This single vineyard is 1.99 hectares in size and is 400 meters above sea level. All harvesting, pruning and canopy management is done by hand.

HARVEST DATE

Harvesting of the 2022 vintage took place on the 21th of February 2022.

VINIFICATION

After harvesting the grapes were de-stalked and hand-sorted followed by natural fermentation in open wooden fermenters. The natural fermentation took about 7 days to complete after which the wine was pressed with a small basket press. Malolactic fermentation took place in new-, second- and third fill 225 litre French oak barrels. After malolactic fermentation the wine was racked and sulphured. During maturation in barrel for a total time of 21 months the wine was racked a further two times to soften the tannins.

CELLAR MASTER'S COMMENTS

The Lanzerac Pionier Pinotage is a tribute to the world's first bottled Pinotage – a 1959 Lanzerac Pinotage. The 2022 Pionier has an excellent deep colour, with typical varietal aromas like ripe, plummy red fruit on the nose and palate. A big mouth-feel, complex and velvety pallet and long and lingering aftertaste rounds off this wine perfectly.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

With 5 to 10 years maturation the Pionier Pinotage 2022 will start to acquire the velvet density and luxurious chocolate and caramel flavours for which its predecessors is known.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Enjoy this flagship wine with a slow cooked oxtail with Parmesan Polenta, Coffee -rubbed lamb with Charred Eggplant, Duck with a Cherry reduction, Barbeque Pork with a sticky plum glaze and a Dark Chocolate Torte with Espresso Cream.

ANALYSIS

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| Alcohol: | 14.03% | Total acidity: | 5.7 g/l |
| Residual sugar: | 3.3 g/l | pH: | 3.59 |

ACCOLADES

New Release

