

# CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

## TERROIR SPECIFIC WINES

### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SNEEUWKRANS PINOT NOIR

**VINTAGE:** 2020

**AVERAGE TEMP:** 16.8°C

**RAINFALL:** 779.2mm

**HARVESTING BEGAN:** 10/03/2020

**HARVESTING ENDED:** 12/03/2020

**ORIGIN OF FRUIT:** Elandskloof

**SOIL TYPE:** Decomposed shale (Tukulu)

**CULTIVAR:** 100% Pinot Noir

**YIELD:** 6ton/ha

**IN THE VINEYARD:** Altima Estate is situated in Elandskloof, an isolated valley north of Villiersdorp. It is 5km wide and surrounded by a steep mountain range that rises 1km from the valley floor. The steep topography causes the valley to receive less direct sunlight due to the overshadowing mountains, which together with the elevation of 600 to 800m this equates to a distinctly cool climate. This unique terroir produces wines with a high natural acidity and upfront aromas. Grapes are harvested traditionally much later than other sites in the Western Cape, usually only starting early in March. This vineyard produces an intense Pinot noir character with rich red fruit and a very fine and layered structure.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** The 2020 season was a large vintage, following the preceding 5 years of drought experienced. Even and stable weather conditions indicated a very promising vintage.

Even ripening ensured the characteristic pure red fruit and a high acidity with lower Ph that this vineyard produces.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The grapes from 3 different vineyard blocks were harvested by hand into lug boxes. The grapes were first cooled overnight and then optical sorted in the cellar. Berries are cold soaked for 3 days before fermentation, then fermented on the skins with pump overs and punch downs twice per day. After fermentation the wine is drained off the skins and pressed. Malolactic fermentation is done in Stainless Steel with final ageing being completed in a combination of 2nd and 3rd fill barrels and Stainless steel tanks.

**TASTING NOTE:** Delicate yet appealing maraschino cherry with a touch of raspberry, autumn leaf and spice.

Succulent, spicy entry with ripe red fruit countered by a vivid pepper bite and a touch of tannin. Impressive restraint showcased by good but reigned in grip and power. Lovely equilibrium and balance with beautiful harmony of fruit and oak tannin. A wonderful example of power and generosity, muscularity and softness, velvet texture, complexity and evident simplicity. The intriguing dichotomy of Pinot Noir.

Alc: 14 % | TA: 5.3 g/l | RS: 2.4 g/l | ph: 3.51

