



BONNIEVALE

The River Collection

PINOTAGE

2021



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Background:

Bonnievale Wines gets its name from the town founded in the 1800s by visionary Scotsman Christopher Forrest Rigg. He unlocked the region's agricultural potential and secured the roots of our community.

Our home lies east of Cape Town, in a valley long associated with excellent dairy, fruit and wine farming. Cool air from the nearby coastline ensures flavourful grapes.

Our philosophy is founded on respect and collaboration – working together and with nature. We meticulously produce and select the very best grapes from what nature and the vintage has to offer. The seal Wine of Origin: Bonnievale is a proud declaration of this quality provided by farming families with deep understanding of this unique landscape, soils and climate; and, a broad palette of vineyards from which we select our grapes.

Winemaker's notes:

This wine marries exquisite notes of ripe plums, cherries, and red berries. Together, they cascade onto the palate in soft juiciness. Fine tannin and good, mid-palate weight are hallmarks of the wine, which concludes in a long, earthy finish.

Style: Medium to full-bodied red wine

Cultivar: Pinotage (100%)

Viticulture and winemaking:

Rainfall for these vineyards is supplemented by micro irrigation. Fruit was harvested on February 19. Once in the cellar, the juice was fermented for 13 days. It also underwent malolactic fermentation followed by a combination of tank and wood maturation over a period of 12 months prior to settling and bottling.

Soils:

The vineyards for this Pinotage wines thrive in alluvial, red-brown Karoo soils with lime, gravel, white pebbles, and weathered shale.

Maturation potential:

This wine may be enjoyed now but patience will be rewarded as it continues develop for up to seven years from vintage.

Serving suggestions:

Great on its own, this wine also rises to full glory with lamb cutlets and other red meat dishes.

Chemical analysis:

Residual sugar	4.6 g/l
Alc	14,0 %
Total acidity (TA)	5.4 g/l
pH	3.49

Winemaker: Marthinus Rademeyer

Viticulturist: Sakkie Bosman

Appellation: Bonnievale Ward