



# BEYERSKLOOF

## Pinotage Reserve

The Reserve range, and in particular this Pinotage, typifies the quality of the Pinotage grape and our winemaking ability. This premium range wine is representative of the region through its main focus of having more concentrated flavours and a smooth character. A wine for drinking and eating.

**Wine Name:** Beyerskloof Pinotage Reserve  
**Varietal(s):** 100% Pinotage  
**Vintage:** 2016  
**Soil:** Oakleaf  
**Trellising:** Bush vines

**Vintage Notes:** This was the driest winter, spring and summer since the start of the farm in 1988. We had half of our yearly rainfall which meant that we had to irrigate all our Vineyards for at least 48 hours. 2016 was once again an early vintage. Warm/dry weather in August resulted in early bud break, after which a warm dry summer kept the vineyard growth under control and accelerated ripening by 10-14 days. The driest season in Beyerskloof history resulted in a healthy vintage, but very uneven ripening for the later cultivars due to the lack of water. Early cultivars like the Pinot Noir and Pinotage looks very good and due to sorting system demos we could salvage some good Cab's and Merlot!

**Winemaking:** 5 days in open fermenters with the cap punched through by hand every two hours. Fermentation temperature was between 25 – 27°C. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine matured in 15% new and 85% second fill French oak barrels for 15 months.



## Technical Information

**Total Acidity:** 5.6 g/l  
**Alcohol:** 14.41%  
**pH:** 3.52  
**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 93 mg/l  
**Residual Sugar:** 3.1 g/l  
**Age of Vines:** 19 years

**Colour:** Intense dark red middle with a ruby red rim.

**Bouquet:** Promising blackberry aromas upfront with lively sweet cedar oak in the background.

**Tasting notes:** Bundles of blackberry and prune flavours upon entry which combine well with the cedar oak aromas from Barrel maturation . A wine with good structure, excellent balance and a long juicy finish. This wine will pair well with any spicy curries or traditional Bobotie(SA curry) . Enjoy upon release, but will develop well for up to 10 years.