

KAAPSE VONKEL BRUT ROSÉ 2023

In 2004 Simonsig winemaker, Johan Malan, created an innovative taste sensation by blending Pinot Noir with Pinotage and Pinot Meunier to launch the Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rosé.



Wine of Origin: Western Cape

Style of Wine: Brut Rosé Cap Classique

Cultivars: Pinot Noir 80% | Pinotage 18% | Pinot Meunier 2%

Terroir

The 2022/2023 season in Stellenbosch started with mild, dry conditions. While the dry weather led to smaller berry sizes and lower yields, it also contributed to exceptional quality. The cool ripening period was particularly beneficial for early cultivars, leading to the production of high-quality wines.

Vintage Description

Stellenbosch's 2022/2023 season began with mild and dry conditions which had a crucial impact on grape quantity and quality. Drier conditions limited berry mass and subsequently yields, but also ensured outstanding quality. The cool ripening period aided early cultivars, and high-quality wines were prepared during this time. Vineyards that were well managed handled the unfavourable conditions well and produced high-quality grapes

Winemaking

The grapes were handpicked and gently pressed to collect the purest juice, which was fermented in stainless steel tanks at 14-16°C with selected yeast strains for optimal fruit and freshness. After expert blending, the wine underwent bottle fermentation, creating fine bubbles. It was then aged for at least 16 months in cool, dark cellars, adding complexity to the red berry flavors. Once harmony was achieved, the yeast was removed through disgorgement, and a small dosage was added to create a perfectly balanced brut rosé.

Winemaker description

The wine has a beautiful rose-gold hue, shimmering with delicate bubbles that rise gently in the glass. The bouquet is inviting with vibrant aromas of fresh cherry and strawberry. There's a soft sweetness of Turkish delight, which adds an exotic touch, blending with subtle hints of rose petals and candied fruit. Lively and fresh this Cap Classique is ideal for a celebratory occasion or as a refreshing aperitif.

Serving Suggestions

Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rosé is delightful on its own, but also pairs beautifully with light appetizers and a variety of seafood dishes. It is especially complemented by West Coast Rock Lobster, a seasonal Cape Town delicacy.

Analysis: Alc 11.96% (labelled as 12%) | RS 2.1 g/l | TA 5.9 g/l | pH 3.1