



Glen Carlou

Crafted with precision and minimal intervention, The Collection Pinotage is a powerful yet elegant wine that highlights the depth and character of Swartland's dry-farmed vineyards.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinotage

The Collection Pinotage 2020

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Glen Carlou is based in the **Simonsberg-Paarl region** of South Africa's Western Cape, though the fruit for The Collection Pinotage is sourced from **Swartland**, known for its rugged terrain and dry-farmed bush vines. These vines are grown on remote plots without irrigation, a method that results in lower yields but intensely concentrated fruit. The vineyard's old vines are naturally balanced, yielding small, high-quality grapes with minimal intervention, allowing the terroir to speak through the wine.

Glen Carlou's Collection wines celebrate unique sites and specific vineyard characteristics. Each block is chosen for its individual qualities, whether due to soil, elevation, or specific climatic influences, and is nurtured with a focus on sustainability and respect for the vines' natural cycles.

Winemaking

The Collection Pinotage follows a philosophy of minimal intervention to let the vineyard's quality shine. The **hand-harvested grapes** were naturally fermented in **second-fill 500-liter French open-top barrels**. Once primary fermentation was complete, the wine was transferred to **new 225-liter French oak barrels** for **12 months** of maturation. This careful oak aging process enhances the wine's texture and complexity, integrating subtle wood tones with the Pinotage's robust fruit.

This Pinotage reflects Glen Carlou's approach to letting the wine develop at its own pace, celebrating the hard work done in the vineyard and its unique terroir.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, dark ruby.
- **Aroma:** Rich blackberry and plum on the entry, followed by notes of graphite and black fruits with subtle oak undertones.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and complex, with a core of minerality. Supple tannins support flavors of Asian spice and black olive, leading to a balanced finish that merges fruit and wood seamlessly, indicating excellent aging potential.



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Did you know?

The fruit for this Pinotage is sourced from **old bush vines** in Swartland, where the lack of irrigation and remote location create intense, concentrated flavors. Glen Carlou's Collection series includes limited releases, often with as few as 600 bottles, reflecting the individuality and specificity of each vineyard block.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Barbecued lamb chops with rosemary:** The smoky, herbal flavors of grilled lamb complement the wine's dark fruit and spice notes.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy tones in the risotto enhance the minerality and complex structure of the wine.
- **Beef stew with black olives:** The wine's hints of black olive and supple tannins pair beautifully with the savory richness of the stew.
- **Aged Gouda or Cheddar:** The robust flavors and smooth tannin structure balance the sharpness and nutty characteristics of these aged cheeses.



Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2020)

Fleshy, ripe and red-fruited, the 2020 The Collection Pinotage offers hints of herbs and spice with subtle oak aromas. Medium to full-bodied, the palate starts with oak flavors before showing succulent acidity with a tannic edge that will remain food-friendly for years. The Pinotage glides to a delightfully lingering finish with persistent notions of spiced plum and dark cherry skin. Only 900 bottles were made after the wine rested in second-fill French oak barrels.

