

Kanonkop

The Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage embodies the essence of South Africa's signature grape variety, with enticing aromas of red and black fruits combined with a touch of wood spice. This wine is both elegant and approachable from its youth.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinotage

Kadette Pinotage 2023

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Kadette Pinotage** is sourced from vineyards in **Stellenbosch**, a renowned South African wine region known for its optimal growing conditions for Pinotage. Stellenbosch enjoys a Mediterranean climate moderated by the Atlantic Ocean, which brings freshness and balance to the wines.

The vines used for this wine range between **7 and 22 years** of age and are planted on **decomposed granite** and **Hutton** soils, which provide excellent drainage. With **supplemental irrigation**, these vines produce **6 to 7 tons per hectare**, a controlled yield that ensures concentrated flavors in the grapes.

Winemaking

The vintage saw a late harvest due to cooler growing conditions, which contributed to producing elegant wines with **softer tannin structures**, making them accessible at an earlier stage.

Fermentation took place in **open-top concrete fermenters** at **28°C**. The skins were mechanically punched down every two hours to maximize the extraction of flavors and tannins. The juice was drawn off the skins after **three days**, followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine was then matured for **12 months** in **second- and third-fill French oak barrels** from Nevers.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, intense plum.
- **Aroma:** Attractive scents of **red currant**, **black cherry**, and **strawberry jam**, with a hint of **nutmeg** and **wood spice**.
- **Palate:** The palate is medium to full-bodied, with finely textured tannins and flavors of **red candy**, **bright cherries**, and a touch of **nutmeg** oak spice and **dark chocolate**. The acidity is well-balanced with the fruit and wood components, adding freshness to the red and black fruit flavors on the finish.

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Did You Know?

Pinotage, South Africa's signature grape, is a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault. This unique combination produces wines that are both fruity and powerful, often characterized by red and black berry aromas, with smoky and spicy notes.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Pizza:** The fruity and spicy flavors of Pinotage perfectly complement the rich, grilled toppings of a pizza.
- **Pasta:** The wine's supple tannins pair beautifully with pasta dishes featuring tomato or meat-based sauces.
- **Barbequed Meat:** The spicy notes and ripe fruit of the Pinotage enhance the smoky flavors of barbequed meats.
- **Venison Stew:** The depth and tannic structure of this wine balance the richness of a venison stew or game ragout.

92 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2022)

*A dark-fruited pinotage that has notes of cherry, black plum, dried rose and spice box on the nose. It's medium- to full-bodied with chewy tannins and excellent freshness. *

90 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 90 Points (2022)

Soft and predominantly fruit forward, this gastronomic Pinotage has freshness and good structure that makes it versatile enough to pair with a wide array of dishes. Berries on the nose and the palate give it a friendly profile. It has fine tannins and a medium-long finish.

89 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 89 Points (2022)

A well-balanced, medium-bodied red, with crushed black raspberry and boysenberry fruit flavors enmeshed with lightly chewy tannins, plus notes of wet stone, iron, and dried flowers and herbs. Drink now. 40,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.