

SPRINGFONTEIN

LIMESTONE ROCKS GADDA DA VIDA 2016

The vines are planted on the Northern slopes of a Limestone Ridge close to the Atlantic Ocean and exposed to constant winds and extreme cold at night. The Pinotage has much smaller bunches and berries compared to a typical Pinotage crop. The grapes were selected and harvested by hand to ensure only the best quality fruit was brought into the cellar. After de-stemming, grapes were cold-macerated for 6 days and fermented in open new American oak and French oak barriques. The wine was fermented with indigenous yeast with frequent light punch downs overnight for 10 days to extract color, flavor, and fine tannins. Vinification in new small barriques ensured better integration between oak and grape tannins and extracted delicate varietal aromas. After fermentation, the wine was pressed off skins, barrel heads fitted back on before refilling with the same wine. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel before maturation for 18 months.



Cultivars Clones 85% Pinotage PI48A / 15% Petit Verdot PR400D

Soil Calcareous Alkaline - soil with high levels of minerals

Rootstock Richter 99 Vines planted 1999 / 2005

Harvest Date 04.03.2016 / 30.03.2016 Average Yield 40.6hl/ha / 30.6hl/ha

Fermentation In small open barriques with indigenous yeast species

Bottling Date 06.11.2017
Production 1,166 bottles

Alcohol 14.0%
pH 3.6
Residual Sugar 2.4g/l
Total Acidity 5.4g/l
Total Extract 29.6g/l



Long maceration on the skins and fermentation with indigenous yeast enhances terroir specific notes in this Pinotage-driven wine. Rich, dense dark fruits, with some oak spice and minerality notes. The palate is rich and rounded with silky tannins on after taste.