

# Frank Pinotage Cape Wine 2022



## Region

The Coastal Region is undoubtedly the most important wine producing region of the country. This is the historical heart of South African wines. Although a large appellation, the most prominent areas within this region are concentrated around the Cape Peninsula and the Northern Cape spreading across 420 miles (700 km) north to south. The coastal influence of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans is one of the most influential climatic feature that affects the wine industry in the coastal region. The overall warm climate helps to ripen the grapes during the day whereas the cold nights ensure that the flavour profiles and the acidity of the wines are maintained. Like the climate, the Coastal Region's soil profile also varies dramatically across the landscape. These range from clay dominated, moisture retaining soils, well draining shales to calcareous and lime-rich outcrops.

## Producer

The Cape Wine Company was founded in 2010 by Erlank Erasmus, who previously had ten years of experience in winemaking in the industry, however decided to start a new venture of his own to produce exceptional wines from the Western Cape. The family is based just south of Paarl, which is where Erlank sources the grapes for his wines, all from smaller local growers. Given the rich history of the country, Cape Wine company proudly gives back to local communities and the smaller growers that assist in production, from vine to bottle, through participating in the Fairtrade initiative. This ensures that the local farms benefit through sustainability and equality measures.

## Tasting Notes

This is a modern style of Pinotage, the grapes were handpicked and fermented in steel tanks to maintain a vibrant fruit profile. The wine was then matured for 12 months in older French and American barrels. Blackcurrant, juicy plums and notes of vanilla are enticing on the nose. The palate is smooth, with silky tannins and a refreshing acidity. The finish is full of soft, ripe berry flavours.

## Food

Serves well with crispy pork belly, classic lasagna and soft cheeses

### Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Coastal Region
Grape(s)	Pinotage (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Fruity
Oaked Style	Not Set
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	13.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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