

# 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	Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Region	Coastal Region	Alcohol Content	13.5%
Grape(s)	Pinotage (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	No
Style	Fruity	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Not Set	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Medium bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable		



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