# The Fox & The Flamingo Rose 2023



## Region

Franschhoek is a broad vineyard lined valley in the southeast corner of Paarl, within the western cape. The vineyards are protected from oceanic influences by the mountains to the south, which also trap southerly cooling winds, lengthening the growing season. Grapes have been planted in the region since the late 1600s, when exiled French Huguenots brought over their viticulture to South Africa and settled in this area, Franschhoek which translates in Dutch to `French corner`. The hot climate here typically shows full bodied, complex reds and rich, fruit driven whites, there is also the association of Cap Classique production to this region. Culturally the area is known for its hospitality, music and variety of festivals.

#### Producer

They call themselves 'Rebels of the Vine' and are pushing the boundaries of a traditional industry and having fun with their wines as seen by their labels. Based in the quaint village of Franschhoek, Kevin, Jacques and Raymond came together to combine their diverse skills and creativity to make great wine. They took inspiration from their surnames to become the Black Elephant Vintners - Swart and Ndlovu become 'Black Elephant' and Jacques is the Vintner! Their wines are inspired by good tunes and they firmly believe that music and wine make the best pairing - far from traditional and very Rock 'n' Roll!

### **Tasting Notes**

This elegant rose uses exclusively the free run juice of Pinotage, which is the first collected must when the grapes are moved into the press, essentially allowing the grapes to be crushed by gravity, ensuring a minimal extraction of colour from skins and also preserve the natural acidity. This style of production is typically very delicate giving fine, soft and very fruity wines. Rose gold in colour with aromas of fresh red fruits and floral notes. The palate is crisp and full of flavours of raspberry, strawberry and grapefruit, finishing with a distinctive savoury minerality.

#### Food

Perfect on a warm summer evening but also pairs well with thai food, salad

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Country	South Africa	
Region	Franschhoek	
Grape(s)	Pinotage (100%)	
Туре	Rose	
Style	Fruity	
Oaked Style	Unoaked	
Body Style	Medium bodied	
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable	

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	12%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk: Egg:	No No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Vegan:	Yes Yes



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