

# Pinotage Longridge 2020



## Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape's most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa's top red cuvees are produced.

## Producer

Longridge strive to be as environmentally conscious as possible, providing excellent quality wines while minimizing the impact on the environment. They use renewable energy sources like solar energy and allow free-roaming ducks to help with pest control, and cattle for manure and compost. They focus on the varieties that are best suited to their climate and soils; Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc (Steen) and classic red varieties Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage. Biodynamic viticultural methods are utilised to the fullest and they follow natural winemaking using less sulphur dioxide and no commercial yeast, enzymes, fining agents, stabilizing agents or filtration methods.

## Tasting Notes

Grapes were handpicked and sorted, before being partially fermented in small bins and the balance in stainless steel tanks. Native yeast ferment with 14 days and barrel matured in specially selected combination of 20% new and 80% matured French oak barrels for 16 months. Fruit-focused Pinotage with an elegant, well rounded texture with soft juicy tannins. The nose offers sweet spices, cassis and ripe berries, sugared orange peel, rooibos and a smoky charcuterie character, which follows through onto the palate, with a savoury lingering aftertaste.

## Food

Pairs perfectly with meats like pulled pork or grilled beef and can stand up to the heat of curries.

### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	South Africa	<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Dry
<b>Region</b>	Stellenbosch	<b>Alcohol Content</b>	14%
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Pinotage (100%)	<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork
<b>Type</b>	Red	<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	In conversion-organic
<b>Style</b>	Smooth	<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b> No <b>Egg:</b> No
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Lightly oaked	<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes <b>Vegan:</b> Yes
<b>Body Style</b>	Medium bodied		
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes-certified sustainable		



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