

# LA CAVE

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## PINOTAGE 2022

### CULTIVAR

100% Pinotage

### WINEMAKING

Grapes, from two separate vineyards with low yields of less than 8 tons per hectare, were picked at optimum ripeness. After de-stalking and crushing, the juice was fermented in open fermenters, on the skins, for 5 days at 26°C. Regular pump-overs ensured optimal colour extraction. The juice was separated from the skins shortly before being 100% dry, to ensure a polished tannin structure. Malolactic fermentation took place in new 225L French oak barrels. The wine was then racked and returned to the same barrels for a further maturation period of 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Beautiful dense, black-purple color, hinting at the wine's intensity. The nose is layered with aromas of black prunes, blackberry, black cherry, and blueberry, all wrapped in an inviting touch of Christmas spices. On the palate, the wine is rich and velvety, with finely textured tannins and impressive fruit concentration. It feels chunky, chewy, and muscular, with a brooding depth, yet remains focused and precise. The finish is long and satisfying, leaving lingering notes of plum and red fruits. A bold, well-structured Pinotage with great aging potential. Maturation potential → 2034.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Barbequed venison and beef / bobotie / lamb curry / grilled snoek / seared tuna / spicy Asian-styled cuisine / aromatic curries / duck with sweet plum sauce / beef or lamb burgers

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.50%

### AWARDS & RATINGS

Platter's Guide 2026 – 5\* (95 points)

Veritas Wine Awards 2025 – Silver Outstanding

ABSA Top 10 Pinotage Competition 2024 – Top 10 Award

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