

# Meil Ellis Bottelary Pinotage 2018 main variety Pinotage vintage 2018 analysis alc: 13.5 | ph: 3.53 | rs: 2.3 | ta: 5.2 type Red producer Neil Ellis Wines style Dry winemaker Warren Ellis taste Fruity wine of Bottelary body Full

### tasting notes

Deep dark colour reflective of the vintage. This multi-faceted wine shows dark plum, cherry and blackberry fruit touched by elegant floral notes. The pallet is fresh with chalky fine grained tannins.

blend information

100% Pinotage

food suggestions

Bobotie, Pepper Steak, Venison, Oxtail, Osso Buco, Boerewors, Lamb

# in the vineyard

Well established 20 year old bush vine vineyards with access to supplementary irrigation. These vineyards are south-west facing slopes and grown on decomposed granite.

# about the harvest

Harvest commenced on the 8th February. Grapes were harvested at  $25.5^{\circ}$ B with a total acid of 6.8 g/l and a pH of 3.3.

## in the cellar

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks. The crushed grapes underwent a series of pump overs and punching after which the wine was racked off to barrel to complete alcoholic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. This wine spent 16 months in 500L puncheons 40% new French oak, the balance in 2nd fill and older.