# M·A·N Family Wines Bosstok Pinotage 2018





## Bosstok Pinotage

Bosstok refers to the untrellised bush-vine vineyards that make up more than half of the vineyards of our region. The bosstok Pinotage vineyards grow close to the ground, producing lower yields of concentrated, flavourful grapes.

#### Wine description & food pairing

A modern style emphasizing the softer Pinot Noir-like characteristics of Pinotage. The wine is ruby-garnet red with a hint of purple. Our Pinotage shows pleasing aromas of mocha and roasted coffee beans, followed by juicy flavours of red-berries, nutmeg and vanilla spice on the palate. The sweet fruit flavours of this medium-bodied Pinotage make it an ideal match for spicy food, pizza, smoked pork and flavourful venison dishes delicious just by itself. Serve at a cool room temperature.

#### Vineyards

Sourced from our Agter-Paarl vineyards, we select younger bush-vine vineyards to ensure retention of the characteristic pure fruit flavours and softer tannins. The Malmesbury Shale soils and unirrigated vineyards combine to give wines with concentrated, juicy fruit flavours, minerality and elegance.

#### Winemaking techniques

Grapes were hand-harvested at between 24 and 25° balling and fermented in stainless steel tanks over 5 days with frequent pump-overs. At around 8 degrees balling, the skins were removed and the wine was pressed and racked back to tank for completion of alcoholic and malolactic fermentation. 25% of the wine was matured in American oak barrels (20% new) for 12 months. Fined and filtered before bottling.

### Vintage conditions

2018 was a rather warm and dry season influenced by the ongoing drought conditions, yet we did not suffer any drastic heat spikes during the harvest period, thus the vines showed little stress. Overall fruit quality was excellent, producing a healthy crop of very small berries with great concentration of flavour.

#### Technical details:

Blend: 90% Pinotage, 5% Grenache, 5%Cinsault · Grape source: Coastal Region Closure: Screwcap · Barcode: EAN 6009669350406 · USA 0-89419-16303-2 Alc: 13.5% · RS: 2.3 · TA: 5.3 · pH: 3.51