

# Cap Maritime Pinot Noir

Category	Red
Grapes	100 % Pinot noir
Producer	Boekenhoutskloof
Country	South Africa
Size	750 ml
Degree of alcohol	14,49 %
Available	Québec

## Terroir

The 2017 vintage was excellent due to the abundance of sunshine hours throughout the growing season and a high diurnal range. As a result, winemakers were privileged to be able to work with fruit yielding a combination of fresh fruit flavors and ripeness. For this pinot noir, a small parcel of grapes from the Upper Hemel en Aarde Valley was vinified in a way that is fundamentally true to Boekenhoutskloof philosophy. Initially, the grapes were transported in small lug boxes from the Hemel en Aarde Valley to the winery in Franschoek in refrigerated trucks.

## Vinification and maturation

There, a careful triage (selection process) took place, to ensure that only healthy whole berries were transferred into our concrete fermenters. A portion of the grapes was destemmed, leaving a whole-cluster component of about 20% with no additions being made.

## Features

After spontaneous fermentation took place, the wine was basket-pressed into 225L neutral French barriques where it underwent *élevage* for up to 16 months, including a prolonged malolactic fermentation under low temperatures. This unique approach to vinification and *élevage* yielded a wine that showcases ripe fruit, pure aromatics, and perfume, as well as the tension and structure of this fragile and seductive variety. Dark fruit flavors layered with austerity and tension add a certain intrigue to this pinot noir.

## Product code

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