

FACT SHEET



Painted Wolf Wines supports the conservation of the highly endangered painted wolf (African wild dog) and the protection of the diminishing wild spaces of Africa, through its donations to the EWT – www.ewt.org.za and Tusk – www.tusk.org.

Guillermo Pinotage 2019

W.O. SWARTLAND

CULTIVARS

Pinotage 85%, Syrah 15%

ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.77% | R.S 2.6g/l | TA 5.9g/l | pH 3.55

AWARDS

Platter's Wine Guide 2021: 4.5 stars

Hong Kong IWSC 2020: Silver

Winemag Prescient Report 2020: Top Ten Pinotage

National Wine Challenge 2021: Double Gold

TASTING NOTES

A beguiling wine with rich, spicy red berry and black cherry aromas, evident ripe tannins and a long, complex finish.

AGEING POTENTIAL

This wine drinks well in youth but will improve over time, gaining additional complexity for at least six to eight years from vintage.

THE VINEYARD

Certified organic grapes from the Kasteelsig vineyard which is owned by Billy Hughes. The site is primarily red Glenrosa soil with some Oakleaf - both shale rich duplex soils, and these vines are not irrigated. Yields are round 6.5 tons to the hectare. Also sustainably-farmed grapes from Leeuwenkuil's top Swartland vineyards.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and taken to the cellar. After four days cold-soaking, approximately 30% was whole-bunch fermented in open bins and hand punched four times a day. The rest was fermented in a rototank. No commercial yeast was used as these grapes ferment well with their natural yeast. The wine matured in a mixture of French and American oak barrels for 18 months, 25% new wood.

Total production 9,600 bottles.

THE STORY OF THIS WINE

'Guillermo' Pinotage is named after our good friend Billy 'Guillermo' Hughes. He was among the first investors in our winemaking and conservation adventure, trading grapes for shares in Painted Wolf. Billy is an uncompromising exponent of organic farming with a keen interest in biodynamics. Since 2013, Kasteelsig vineyard has been organically certified.

Our friend Jenny Metelerkamp produced the fine ink drawing for the label.

