SPIER MILLION TREES | PINOTAGE

2019

TASTING NOTE:

Beautiful, perfumed notes of black cherry, forest berries and subtle allspice lead to a smooth, rounded midpalate with balanced acidity and a lingering, fruity aftertaste.

SERVE WITH:

Grilled lamb chops or burgers with caramelised onions, mushroom risotto or mildly spiced vegetable curry.

APPEARANCE:

Clear, deep ruby red with purple rim.

ANALYSIS:

Alc: 14.47 % vol TA: 5.5 g/L RS: 3.9 g/L pH: 3.63

WINEMAKER: Johan Jordaan

ORIGIN:

Western Cape

VINEYARD AND CLIMATE CONDITIONS:

The vertical trellised vines were planted between 20 and 22 years ago on undulating hills of decomposed granite and weathered sandstone. Where the clay subsoils are too structured and porous, supplementary irrigation is used to ensure optimal foliage and even ripening. These vineyards are planted up to 80 km from the coast, with geographical influence from mountains and the cold Atlantic coast.

WINEMAKING:

Grapes were harvested at $\pm 24^{\circ}B$, gently crushed and destemmed to stainless-steel tanks. The use of cultured and natural yeast helps to unlock the fragrant fruit profile of the grapes. After fermentation, 20% of the wine was matured in French-oak barrels for 8 to 10 months; the remainder matured in stainless-steel tanks with French-oak staves.



