



P A S C A L / S C H I L D T

Winery:	The Winery of Good Hope
Wine:	Radford Dale Frankenstein Pinotage
Vintage:	2014
Appellation:	Stellenbosch
Winemaker/Winegrower:	Group Effort
Harvest Notes:	The old bushvines that grow this individualistic Pinotage are rooted in unusual white clay at the foot of the Helderberg Mountain. Unirrigated, these vines plunge their roots deep into the earth in search of moisture to sustain the ripening of grapes into the long dry summers of the Cape. In 2014 this vineyard turned 24 years old and as such the crop is small, but wonderfully concentrated which allows for early picking. The winter that preceded the 2014 harvest was not very cold, but extremely wet resulting in rather uneven budding and lots of vigour during the growing season. Careful canopy management was employed to ensure that grapes ripened under the best possible conditions. Cool evenings in the lead up to harvest time meant great acidity and balance in the wine.
Cellar & Blending Notes:	The grapes were hand-picked into small, 20kg lug-boxes and then kept under refrigerated conditions until the next day when the grapes were hand sorted. A large percentage of bunches were destemmed but not crushed so that about 50% of berries were transferred to the wooden fermenters were still whole. This meant that during the fermentation a partial carbonic fermentation took place which helped to enhance the pure fruited nature of the wine, while ensuring a limited extraction of tannins. The wine was then lightly basket pressed and transferred by gravity to barrel for maturation. A particular focus during the vinification of this wine was to employ the most gentle, most traditional of techniques from harvesting to bottling.
Tasting Notes:	The inspiration for this wine came from a stubborn belief that Pinotage today has its place among more established varieties. It can produce wines of intrigue and complexity -without becoming harsh, chemical or showing any of the other cruel features that its detractors have reason to name. Treat it meanly and Pinotage will show its angry side. Through its clarity and purity of fruit, it's lithe texture and its absence of any kind of aggression. It is not a monster; it is a soul with a heart and one which will repay kindness with abundant generosity of its own.
Aging & Drinking Suggestions:	Drinking well now but will cellar for up to 8 years.
Technical Notes:	
Soil	Decomposed granite
Acidity	6.4g/l
pH	3.63
Residual Sugars	1.6g/l
ABV	13
Barrel Maturation	Only large format (500L and 600L) barrels were employed to mature the wine. The focus being to retain the wonderfully expressive, pure fruit while allowing for enhanced texture. Also, no new oak was used in order for the fruit to shine
Production (bottles)	4440