



## CAPE FUSION RED 2016

Range:	Vineyard Collection
Cultivar(s):	37% Shiraz 36% Pinotage 22% Malbec
Origin:	Stellenbosch

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### TASTING NOTES

Fresh, elegant, packing mid-palate weight. These three diverse cultivars create a harmonious blend with complex layers of spice, mocha and dark berry aromas. The palate is full around with luscious blackberry, dark chocolate and sweet violet flavours with a dry yet fruity finish.

### VINEYARD FACTS

The Pinotage is grown at 210m, the highest altitude on the farm, on Tukulu soil rich in nutrients and moisture. Sun exposure twice a day on the bunches, result from their northwest-southeast planting.

The Shiraz has been planted at a lower elevation of 100m, to enable its hosting on Oakleaf soils. These are shallower soils, reducing foliage vigour and enabling manipulation through irrigation. The resulting grapes are slightly dehydrated, reducing size and concentrating spiciness, structure and flavour.

The Malbec vineyard is grown at 170m on rich Tukulu soils, to encourage the formation of elegant, colour-rich berries. Twice daily sun exposure on the bunches due to northwest-southeast planting.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes are harvested in the cooler hours of morning, sorted and de-stemmed. After alcoholic fermentation. The Pinotage is placed on French staves for 4-5 months. Malolactic fermentation takes place on the staves to develop a creamy texture in the wine.

The Shiraz and Malbec components mature in old 225ℓ French barriques to enable optimal fruit preservation. The best of the barrels is selected and skilfully blended before bottling.

### ANALYSIS

Alc.: 14 %    RS: 4.9 g/l    TA: 5.5 g/l    pH: 3.57

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