



MOOIPLAAS

WINE ESTATE
& PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

Environmentally friendly wines

Watershed Pinot Noir 2018

TASTING NOTES

The Watershed Pinot Noir is made in the classical cold climate style. The wine is driven by intense fruit of red berries with perfectly integrated acidity and a good structure. The goal was to create a wine which shows elegance and complexity rather than a heavy, oak-dominated style. The wine should evolve well over time, with ample structure and concentration to age for 8 to 10 years.

BLEND INFORMATION

100% Pinot Noir

IN THE VINEYARD

The Watershed takes pride of place as the highest vineyards on Mooiplaas, with a panoramic view of the Cape Peninsula and Table Mountain. At an altitude of 370m above sea level, cool southerly winds from the nearby Atlantic Ocean create ideal ripening conditions for grapes of exceptional quality.

Harvest date: 14 February 2018. Harvested by hand.

Yield: 17 hl- and 2.8 tonnes/ha

IN THE CELLAR

Grapes were de-stemmed but weren't crushed (whole berries). Cold soaking took place for 2 days. Fermentation took place over 7 days on the skins in open bin liners at 24 – 28 °C. Punched down 5 times a day, pressed with a pneumatic press. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation occurred.

Barrel profile: Specially selected 225L and 300L barrels. Wine was aged for 9 months.

French oak barrels, 3rd and 4th fill.

Bottling: 28 January 2019

GRAPE ANALYSIS

Viticulturist	Tielman Roos
Balling	23.5
pH	3.35
TA (g/l)	5.7
Appellation	Stellenbosch

WINE ANALYSIS

Winemaker	Bertus Basson / Louis Roos
ALC (%VOL)	13.65
RS (g/l)	2.2
pH	3.59
TA (g/l)	4.8

