

AARONAP CELLARS

2018 PINOTAGE



Winery Retail Price: \$20.00

Wine Summary: The ONLY Pinotage made in Massachusetts!

Our winemaker fell in love with Pinotage wines while spending 3 weeks studying the wild animals in southern Africa in 2009. Fast forward to 2016, and he jumped at the chance to work with this unique grape straight from the vineyards of South Africa. Vintners in South Africa created the Pinotage grape varietal in the early 20th century by crossing the Pinot Noir and Hermitage (known as Cinsault in the rest of the world) varietals. During South Africa's Apartheid era, Pinotage was grown for cheap red wine and

distilled spirits, and has only become recognized as a unique premier red wine varietal following the fall of Apartheid and re-emergence of South Africa into the world stage. Grown almost solely within South Africa, we are thrilled to partner with Musto Wine Grape Company of Hartford, CT to import this very unique grape.

Tasting Notes: The nose brims with notes of red currants, black plum, bacon, nutmeg, & sweet Rooibos tea. Round and rich on the palate, and finishing with hints of woodsmoke and spicy tannins.

Aging Potential: Drinkable in 2020 through 2025

Food Pairing Suggestions: The perfect pairing with grilled sausage, hamburgers, fire-roasted game meats, roast pork, pizzas, or hearty pastas.

Technical Data

Varietal Composition: 89% Pinotage, 11% Petite Verdot

Appellation: Breede River Valley, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Aging Protocol: 12 months in neutral French oak barrel. Bottled aged for 5 months.

Alcohol by volume: 13.0% *Production Volume:* 640 bottles