



# ROBERTSON WINERY

ESTD 1941

## PINOTAGE

### VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage again promises wines of excellent quality. Following a good winter with above average rainfall, the growing season commenced with cooler than average temperatures, above average rainfall and substantial wind. These conditions prevailed until November and as a result the vineyard growth was moderate and Downy mildew a threat. Our efficient disease forecasting model assisted growers to react proactively to prevent crop losses. Contrary to the global warming trend, the cool conditions continued through the harvest period with only a few hot days in-between. From December the rainy weather abated with the exception of a thunderstorm and heavy rain during February. The drier weather meant healthy grapes of excellent quality delivered to the cellar but due to the moderate growth and high wind, the berry size was reduced allowing for a smaller crop with excellent concentration of flavour and colour.

### VINEYARDS

The fruit is sourced from 35 specially selected grape growing families in the Robertson Valley. The Pinotage vineyards are grown in the lime rich karoo soils with fairly high clay content. This soil enables growers to use regulated deficit irrigation to control vine vigour and berry size. Pinotage quality benefits a lot if quite severe water deficit are induced between berry set and veraison. After a strict vineyard selection the selected fruit was harvested from middle February to first week in March.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested at full ripeness between 23, 5° - 26,5°B from a selection of vineyards. Malolactic fermentation took place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Wine was matured on wood for 3 months to add weight and complexity before stabilization and bottling.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

A deep purple tint on the rim with delicious flavours of ripe strawberry, banana, juicy plums and rich, red cherry. Produced in an early drinking style with well-integrated wood and a soft, smooth finish. Enjoy now with roast beef, guinea fowl, roast chicken, stews, lamb, pizza and pasta.

VINTAGE  
REGION  
WINEMAKER  
YIELD (TON/HA)  
ALCOHOL  
PH  
TOTAL ACIDITY  
RESIDUAL SUGAR  
OAK MATURATION  
FERMENTATION TEMP  
CELLARING POTENTIAL  
SERVING TEMPERATURE  
ALLERGENS

2010  
ROBERTSON  
LOLLY LOUWRENS  
10 - 14 TONS  
13,04%  
3,52  
5,39  
1,0  
3 MONTHS  
28°C  
2 - 3 YEARS  
12° - 14°C  
CONTAINS SULPHITES

CERTIFICATIONS:

