



Western Cape, South Africa

The Cape wine growing areas, situated in the narrow viticultural zone of the southern hemisphere, mainly have a Mediterranean climate. The mountain slopes and valleys form the ideal habitat for grape growing. Long, sun-drenched summers and mild, wet winters contribute to the ideal conditions for viticulture at the Cape.

The Cape winelands stretch from the rugged mountains and multi-directional slopes of the coastal region to the open plains. South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast.

Franschoek Valley is a broad vineyard-lined valley in the southeast corner of Paarl, in South Africa's Western Cape. This small valley is home to some of South Africa's most famous wine estates and has been producing wine since the 17th Century.



FRANSCHOEK CELLAR

ORIGIN Western Cape, South Africa

DESIGNATION 'Stone Bridge' Pinotage

ABOUT Built in 1825, the scenic Franschoek mountain pass boasts the oldest stone bridge still in use in South Africa. Our own unique variety, Pinotage, is a fitting tribute to this historic landmark.

VINEYARD The vineyards were planted on varied soil types that lend specific nuances and characters to each block of grapes, contributing to the complexity of the wine.

PROCESS Gentle maceration to extract only refined and silky tannins and optimal color was followed by French oak maturation for 8 to 12 months, to help smooth out the wine and allow seamless integration.

TASTING The fruit-driven Pinotage, this wine was handled very gently in the cellar to preserve its generous aromas of black cherries, clove and raspberry jam. A smooth and juicy palate, redolent with ripe mulberries, and glimmers of tobacco and spice from gentle oak, is followed by an appealingly savory finish.