

# BOSCHENDAL 1685, PINOTAGE, 2016



## Wine Introduction

The 1685 range is presented in a unique curvaceous bottle inspired by the traditional bottle design used through the ages and commemorates the year of the original title deeds. These wines express the style and class that is particular to their estate and coastal surrounds, with special focus on purity of fruit lavished with measured modern wine making for depth, breadth and balance.

## Tasting Notes

Rich, ripe and vibrant red and black currants, tobacco spice and plumbs with a juicy, savory mid-palate of fruit.

A classic example of South Africa's very own grape varietal.

## Winery Background

Given their exceptional winemaking heritage of almost 300 years, the Boschendal cellar masters meticulously balance rustic tradition and modern innovation to produce classic, fruity wines while upholding the ecological integrity that has become synonymous with their brand.

Each wine range is carefully crafted to deliver ultimate drinking pleasure, with dedicated red and white winemakers in separate cellars for focused expertise.

## Wine Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Coastal Region
Grape	100% Pinotage
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acidity	6.5g/L
pH	3.35
Closure	Cork
Bottle Size	75cl
Case Size	6 Bottles/ Pack

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## Vinification Note

The 2016 vintage was one of the driest years Boschendal has experienced in ages. A dry winter followed by a dry summer, and less tons per hectare than usual. It did, however, result in small berries and great fruit concentration for the wines.

The fruit are grown on high-quality sites around the Swartland, Durbanville and Stellenbosch. These dryland bush vines were selected to provide complexity, concentration and intensity. The cool climate and contrasting warmer sites express the truly unique terroir of South Africa.

## Sustainability Note

Stephan Joubert, viticulturist at Boschendal – a forward-looking iconic Stellenbosch wine estate - says he believes that the making of award-winning wine begins with sustainable farming in the vineyards. “Our winemaking team applies a sustainable approach to each aspect of the winemaking process, from the attentive use of cover crops to protect the vineyards to increased energy efficiency in the cellar using solar power. These measures ensure that the unique influence of natural terroir can be tasted in each glass of premium wine”

Boschendal was recently awarded the WWF Conservation Champion status, presented to South African wine farms that are committed to addressing environmental concerns and meet a set of rigorous conservation criteria. These include demonstration of exceptional environmental commitment and leadership, and a comprehensive eco-friendly management plan with detailed targets to encourage continuous improvement.

