

# L'AVENIR

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## L'AVENIR SINGLE BLOCK PINOTAGE 2018

This collector's item is made from a selection of only the finest barrels produced from L'Avenir's famed Block 2 Pinotage vineyard. Produced in the honour of L'Avenir's former winemaker and a pioneer of Stellenbosch Pinotage Pioneer, Francois Naudé, this wine is L'Avenir's flagship and the pinnacle of modern, Stellenbosch Pinotage.



### BLOCK 2

An exclusive geological vein comprising weathered shale has consistently yielded the best quality Pinotage at L'Avenir. Block 2 is situated at the core of this special site, on the highest point of L'Avenir Hill. The first single vineyard wine from Block 2 was produced in 2004. This was the start of one of the most iconic South African wines.

**Planting year** 1994

**Altitude** 225m

**Number of vines** 4 231

**Trellising system** Trellised bush vines

**Soil type** Glenrosa

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

#### Nose

A symphony of violets, potpourri, dried cranberries and hints of dark chocolate. Fresh and inviting, yet complex, layered and intriguing.

#### Palate

Well-judged oak, fruit purity and textured richness are hallmarks of this world class wine. The palate is generous and complex, with fresh cherries and a subtle, sweet spiciness that distinguishes fine Stellenbosch Pinotage.

### THE 2018 VINTAGE

A moderate season, with sufficient rain. The vintage stands out for its elegant wines, often with lower alcohol levels. Grapes were hand-harvested in small batches at L'Avenir, based on taste and optimal ripeness.

### IN THE CELLAR

After being hand-sorted, destemmed and only lightly crushed, the grapes remained in a tank for three days of cool maceration, before fermentation started through natural yeasts. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks, as well as a French oak barrels. The wine was matured in 300 litre French oak barrels of which about 15% were new. Only the best 14 barrels were selected for the final blend.

#### Ageing potential

20-25 years

#### Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.51

RS: 2.8 g/L

### FOOD PAIRING

A fine choice for Peking duck or ostrich fillet with a cranberry reduction.