

Paul Cluver Wines

Pinot Noir

Vitner	Paul Culver Wines
Origin	Elgin, South Africa
Vintage	2018
Variety	Pinot Noir
Wine Type	Red
Wine Maker	Andries Burger

Vineyard Notes

Currently there are 22.9 hectares planted to Pinot noir on the estate, which equates to 30% of the total plantings. Clones include 667, 777, 113, 115 and PN5. The first vines were planted in 1989 and the youngest blocks in 2015. Vines range in age from 2 to 29 years. The soil is predominantly decomposed Bokkeveld Shale with underlying clay layers of varying depths. Vine orientation is North/South on North east and South facing slopes and North west/South east on the South facing slopes. Height above sea level ranges from 280 to 400 meters.

About the Wine Maker

Central to the success of the wine and farming business is the Cluver Family – a close-knit group with a visionary, pioneering spirit. Dr Paul Cluver planted the first vines here in the mid-1980s, and in doing so established the Wine of Origin for the region. Like much of the wine world heading into the 1990s, they focused their attention on Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Shiraz. With a critical eye and desire to continually improve the quality of the wines, the Cluver's came to realize Elgin is Pinot country. Other cool-climate varieties such as Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Riesling also found a happy home on the Cluver's farm. Elgin is also noted for its long history in apple cultivation, a tradition the Cluvers continue today. Paul Cluver Wines has been situated on the De Rust estate in Elgin since 1896. Dr Cluver, a long-time supporter of conservation projects, officially began undertaking projects of his own on the estate in the 1970s. Additionally, the farm forms part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve area, the first biosphere reserve to be declared in southern Africa and forms part of UNESCO's worldwide network of biosphere reserves. The property has 3 types of vegetation: Elgin Shale Fynbos, Western Ruens Shale Renosterveld and Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos, the first two of which are critically endangered. Paul Cluver Wines is a member of the Green Mountain Eco Route – specifically focussed on developing tourism linked to biodiversity values – with the motto “blending wine and biodiversity”.

Tasting Notes

This wine has a lovely luminosity – the color is bright crimson. The nose has delicate earthy aromas combined with red and dark berry flavors. On the palate, these characteristics follow through combining with interesting savory notes and just a touch of oak on the finish.



Wine Details

Residual Sugar	2.3 g/L
PH	3.35
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acid	5.9 g/L
Bottles Produced	30,000
Bottle Size	750ml
Bottles Per Case	12

