



## SEBEKA 2007 “CAPE BLEND” SHIRAZ PINOTAGE

Our winemaker Andries Blake believes that it is important to honor South Africa’s 350-year winemaking heritage while appealing to today’s wine tastes. Sebeka wines offer complex flavors yet remain uniquely approachable for American wine consumers. By balancing exotic aromas and intense fruit flavors, Andries believes that his Sebeka wines showcase the natural beauty of the South Africa landscape.

### Production / Vinification Methods

The grapes used to create the 2007 Sebeka “Cape Blend” Shiraz-Pinotage were grown in a number of South Africa’s finest vineyard districts located across the Western Cape. The cooler districts benefit from the fog created by the cold ocean currents coming north from Antarctica, as well as the vigorous “Cape Doctor” cross winds coming from the Atlantic and Indian oceans. The warmer districts take advantage of the bright South Africa sunshine and produce grapes with deep, rich colors and ripe fruit flavors. By marrying grapes from such diverse areas, Andries was able to produce a finished wine of great character and complexity.

The Pinotage and Shiraz grapes in this “Cape Blend” were grown in shale, granite, and iron-rich soils of the Worcester and Swartland regions of the Western Cape. The grapes were carefully hand harvested and gently de-stemmed. They were then crushed, pressed and fermented separately in upright stainless steel tanks to retain the true fruit flavors of the juice. The juice was fermented for three days on the skins at 28 degrees Celsius. Each of the lots underwent complete malolactic fermentation before Andries tasted them and selected the final blend.

### Analysis

<b>Grape Varieties:</b>	Shiraz / Pinotage
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.8 %
<b>Sugar</b>	6 g/l
<b>Total Acid</b>	6 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.6

### Tasting Notes

Our 2007 Sebeka Shiraz-Pinotage “Cape Blend” is a fruit driven wine that features the jammy blackberry, dark cherry and earthy notes so characteristic of Shiraz along with red fruit, acidity and smoky earth notes typical of Pinotage, South Africa’s signature varietal. This deep crimson wine is well-balanced. The mouthfeel is soft and velvety, with jammy, ripe fruit supported by a supple tannin structure.

### General Notes

Drink now, or cellar for another 2 - 3 years.

A perfect companion for duck, roasts, tomato-based pastas, and dark chocolate.