



BERNHEIM *Wines*

• THE HOUSE OF J. H. PACAS •

“We dedicate our wines to those who dare to dream!”

BERNHEIM Pinotage Rosé 2008

Bernheim Wines produces red wines from two farms in the famous Paarl region – one close to the town of Paarl and the other in the newly formed Voor Paardeberg ward, already gaining a reputation as the ward for quality wines.

Some 50 hectares are planted with the noble varieties Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinotage, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot resulting in Bernheim Wines specializing in producing outstanding quality red wines.

The winemaker and director, Jacques Kruger, is well known in wine circles and boasts numerous international and local awards. He remains passionate about wine and maintains “My winemaking philosophy is still, and has always been, to make wine naturally by helping the grape reach its full potential.” Shareholder Pieter Taljaard’s love for wine started many years ago: “When I had the opportunity in 2004 to acquire a cellar in partnership with Jacques and my longstanding friend and director of the company, Hermann Helmbold, I grabbed it. I knew it would be a challenging venture, but was confident that with Jacques in the cellar, we could produce wines that will make wine lovers sit up and take notice. The quality of wines we have been producing since then has proven me right.”

The 2008 season was Jacques’ second vintage in which he made a Rosé using only Pinotage grapes.

Pinotage is a true South African variety cloned from Pinot Noir and Hermitage, also known as Cinsaut (noir), vines in 1925 by professor A I Perold.

Wine Making Details

The grapes were allowed to reach optimum ripeness and careful selection in the vineyard resulted with only the best grapes being hand harvested.

After de-stalking and crushing the grapes were pumped into a red wine fermentation tank and cold macerated before yeast was inoculated and fermentation commenced. During this period approximately 300 liters of juice per ton of grapes was drawn from the tank and cold fermented in a white wine style. Fermentation was stopped before the wine was dry and resulted in a fruity Rosé with rich flavours of sweet berry and plum with a crisp dry finish.

Analysis at Bottling

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| Alcohol % | 12.33 | vol % |
| Residual Sugar | 5.4 | g / l |
| Total Acidity | 6.0 | g / l |
| Ph | 3.29 | |

Serve well chilled: on its own or with lightly spiced dishes such as bobotie.



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