

Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage 2021

Kanonkop Wine Estate, situated on the lower slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain in Stellenbosch, is a renowned South African estate with a rich history in winemaking. Owned by the same family for four generations, the estate is synonymous with excellence in red wine production. Spanning over 100 hectares, Kanonkop's vineyards focus on Bordeaux varietals, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and the iconic South African Pinotage. Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage 2021 offers a vibrant expression of Stellenbosch terroir, featuring rich red and black fruit flavors with hints of spice, reflecting Kanonkop's expertise in South Africa's signature grape.



General Information

- **Producer:** Kanonkop Wine Estate
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Pinotage
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 14.4%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Stellenbosch, on the lower slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain.
- **Soil Type:** Decomposed granite and Hutton soils, which contribute to the wine's structure and complexity.
- **Age of Vines:** 7 to 22 years, delivering fruit with depth and concentration.
- **Yield:** 6-7 tons per hectare, ensuring concentrated flavors.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Managed with supplemental irrigation to support vine health and maintain fruit quality.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were handpicked, ensuring selection of the highest quality.
- **Vinification:** Fermented in open-top concrete fermenters at 28°C, with the skins punched down mechanically every 2 hours. The juice was drawn off the skins after 3 days for optimal extraction.
- **Aging:** The wine was matured for 12 months in second and third-fill 225L French Nevers oak barrels, allowing for subtle integration of oak and preservation of fruit character.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep plum with a vibrant hue.
- **Aroma:** Scented with red currants, black cherry, strawberry confit, complemented by nutmeg and wood spice.
- **Palate:** Medium-full bodied and opulent, with finely textured tannins and flavors of red pastille sweets, bright cherries, a hint of dark chocolate, and oak spice. The balanced acidity brings a freshness to the red and black fruit flavors.
- **Finish:** Smooth and lingering, with a sparkle of freshness and a harmonious blend of fruit and spice.
- **Aging Potential:** Enjoyable now or age for 5 to 7 years from the vintage for added complexity.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Recommended Pairings: Pairs well with pizza, pasta, barbecued meats, venison stew, beef or lamb burgers, and Thai cuisine.



Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- Kanonkop is committed to environmentally conscious practices, focusing on soil health and minimal intervention to enhance grape quality.



Awards and Recognition

- **Tim Atkin MW** awarded it 93 points, highlighting its excellence.
 - **Wine Enthusiast** rated it 90 points, describing it as a "friendly Pinotage" with balanced meaty notes and red fruit on the nose.
 - **Decanter** awarded it 90 points, noting its intense black-fruited character with pepper and black plum notes, and a full-bodied, smooth, and silky palate.
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Producer's Notes

Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage 2021 showcases the estate's commitment to producing expressive and balanced wines, with a refined structure that reflects the Stellenbosch terroir.