

# RIJK'S

## Governor's Reserve

*Pinotage 2016*

Governors Reserve pays tribute to Rijk Tulbagh, the Governor of the Cape from 1751 to 1771. Known for his visionary leadership, Tulbagh's legacy of excellence and commitment to progress inspired the creation of this range, which embodies the rich heritage and quality of our wines.

### Characteristics:

Full bodied red wine. Fruit driven food wine.

### Tasting notes:

This wine has a multi-layered fruit spectrum, which ranges from ripe red fruit aromas to spicy elegance and a blackberry richness. These expressive aromas carry through onto a rich, creamy palate where it lingers for moments after. The 2016 shows the power of the vintage, without compromising elegance and finesse. Silky, well-integrated and graphite tannins, ensures great longevity.



### In The Vineyard:

*Soil:* Low yielding, well drained vertical shale/schist.

*Yield:* 5,6 tons/Ha

*Aspect:* West-North-West.

### Harvest:

Grapes were night harvested and picked by hand to retain freshness & flavours.

### Cellar Practices:

Grapes were hand picked at night. A 56 hours cold maceration period was given prior to fermentation. Pigeage took place 3 times per day to extract tannin and colour. Skins were pressed at 5°B. MLF took place in barrels. Matured for 22 months in 66% new and 34% 2nd fill French oak barrels.

A strict selection of 3 barrels.

**Ageing Potential:** 10 to 12 Years after vintage.

**Serving Temperature:** Recommended to be served at 17°C.

<b>Cultivar</b>	100% Pinotage
<b>Appellation</b>	Tulbagh, South Africa
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.0%
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	3.4 g/l
<b>Acidity</b>	5.9 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.4

