

# Kara-Tara

## Pinot Noir

### 2018



Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir  
Clone: mix of Dijon clones  
Rootstock: Richter 110  
Fruite Source: Western Cape  
Yield: 7 tons/hectare  
°Balling at harvest: 23.5-24.0°  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
Total Acid: 5.12  
Residual Sugar: 2.11  
Age of vines: 15 years average  
Vineyard Elevation: 150-300m  
Slope: South-Westerly

*Details of vinification and oaking:*  
Grapes for this wine are sourced from vineyards in the Elgin region. All grapes were hand-picked into small lug boxes and cooled overnight before being carefully sorted and then crushed into small open tanks. The must was then cold-soaked for two days. About 30% of the wine was whole-bunch fermented. Hand punch-downs were done throughout. After primary fermentation, the wine was basket-pressed and then racked to barrel for malo-lactic fermentation and subsequent barrel maturation. Only French oak was used, primarily 2nd, 3rd and 4th-fill and about 10% new oak.

*Winemaker's notes:*  
This wine has the classic strawberry and cherry fruit you expect from a Pinot with a touch of peppery spice that is typical of Elgin. The 2018 vintage was warm and dry, producing very small berries which gave the wine great concentration of colour and flavour together with a firm, yet silky and elegant, tannin-structure and lovely brightness of fruit.

*Meaning behind the name:*  
The name Kara-Tara refers to a small town near Knysna, where winemaker Rudger van Wyk grew up. Translated from the Khoisan, it means "deep dark shadows" and refers to the Karatara river that runs through the town.