

# Absa Top 10 and Vintage class winners for 2022 announced

The 2022 Absa Top 10 and Vintage class winners have been announced. The annual awards were held at Nooitgedacht on 30 August 2022, where industry, stakeholders and producers gathered to celebrate some of the finest Pinotage wines.



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"As the biggest financier of agriculture in South Africa and with over 100 years of experience, Absa is proud of our longstanding relationship with the Pinotage Association and excited to announce that we are extending our sponsorship," says Faisal Mkhize, Chief Executive for Relationship Banking at Absa Group.

"Pinotage is a national asset and has truly become a symbol of excellence and growth in South African agriculture. We believe that our support for this signature South African varietal is a tangible demonstration of our African heartbeat."

"Our collaborative, longstanding relationship with Absa Bank and their 25-year investment in the Pinotage Association is testament to the bank's understanding that agriculture is a generational and relational business," says Beyers Truter, Pinotage Association chairman.

This year 130 entries were received, and after the rigorous judging process, the following Pinotage wines were selected as the winners of the coveted Pinotage accolade.

## Absa Top 10 Pinotage winners

Wine	Vintage	WO	Winemaker
Beeslaar Pinotage	2020	Stellenbosch	Abrie Beeslaar
Beyerskloof Winemakers Reserve Pinotage	2018	Stellenbosch	Anri Truter
Flagstone Writer's Block Pinotage	2020	Breedekloof	Gerhard Swart
Kanonkop Pinotage	2019	Simonsberg-Stellenbosch	Abrie Beeslaar
Neil Ellis Bottelary Hills Pinotage	2018	Bottelary	Warren Ellis
Brink Family Vineyards Pinotage	2019	Swartland	Dewald Huisamen

Rijk's Reserve Pinotage	2016	Tulbagh	Adriaan Jacobs
Simonsig Redhill Pinotage	2019	Stellenbosch	Michael Malan
Vondeling Bowwood Pinotage	2019	Voor-Paardeberg	Matthew Copeland
Windmeul Reserve Pinotage	2019	Paarl	Abraham van Heerden/Michael Kotze

## Vintage class winners

Wine	Vintage	WO	Winemaker
Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage	2011	Stellenbosch	Anri Truter
Hill & Dale Pinotage	2009	Stellenbosch	Guy Webber
Lanzerac Pinotage	2001	Stellenbosch	Wynand Lategan
Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Jonkershoek Pinotage	2012	Jonkershoek Valley	Warren Ellis
Rijk's Reserve Pinotage	2012	Tulbagh	Adriaan Jacobs

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