

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
RRIROS	Rickety Bridge	South Africa	Franschhoek
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Pinotage	13%	No	screwcap



## *Background*

Throughout history, lands have stood witness to cycles of the river rising and falling, orchestrated by the cadence of changing seasons. The Rising River Wines are inspired by the Franschhoek River that flows through the Franschhoek Valley.

Produced as a diffusion line to the principle Rickety Bridge range, Rising River encompasses the grand history of its surroundings and celebrates grapes sourced across quality vineyards across the Western Cape with winemaking overseen by Mari Kotzé.

## *Winemaking*

Fruit harvested from selected vineyards across the Western Cape. Bunches are destemmed and crushed with skin contact of one hour. Juice is fermented and kept on the lees for 3 months before bottling.

## *Sustainability*

Cellar master, Donovan Ackermann and Winemaker Mari Kotzé implement many farming practices that have only a positive impact on the environment including planting cover crops to suppress weeds, these crops in turn also supply the soil with nitrogen. Turning discarded grape skins into fertiliser to put back into the vineyard and growing vegetables and plants to help the estate become more self-sufficient and increase the biodiversity within the area. Their future plan is to work towards a gold status in the Biodiversity Wine Initiative.

## *Tasting & Pairing*

Aromas of red cherry and strawberries on the nose with a nice acidity and juicy finish.

A great choice with sushi or smoked trout.

## *Extra Information*

Vegetarian, vegan