

FRANS MALAN  
*Cape Blend*  
SOUTH AFRICA

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Frans Malan Reserve

Press Highlights

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2019

- **91+** – **ROBERT PARKER**, May 2024

The 2019 Frans Malan Reserve, a blend of 58% Pinotage, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, offers a vivid display of red fruits, complex layers and fresh, spicy elements complemented by floral touches. The palate reveals black raspberry, dusty cassis and oak alongside earthy spices and soft herbals. Medium to full-bodied, it possesses a good weight and achieves a balanced interplay of acidity and tannic structure, finishing with a food-friendly elegance

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2019

- **90** – **JAMES SUCKLING**, November 2023

"A medium-bodied blend of 58% Pinotage, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot expressing notes of baked berries, sweet spices, bark and a touch of cola. Textural with dusty tannins and a fruity, creamy finish. Drink or hold."

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2014

- **91** – **WINE ENTHUSIAST**, December 2017

"This Pinotage-based blend, with 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot, opens with intense aromas of boysenberry, blackberry and plum that are hit with earthy accents of tree bark, balsamic herbs and cigar. The fruity concentration continues through to the rich, plush palate, framed by bold tannins that lend overall balance and structure. Final notes of cocoa nib, toasted spice and charred earth grace the long finish."

- **90** – **WINE ADVOCATE**, April 2017

"The 2014 Frans Malan Reserve is a blend of 63% Pinotage, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot. For the vintage it possesses quite a feisty note that needs more cohesion and finesse. It has a strong licorice scent plus espresso that merges with the black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with fine balance and here it shows the sophistication and complexity that I know this cuvee can produce. The acidity is well judged and it delivers a pleasing and harmonious finish. It is just the aromatics that need to show better behavior."

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2011

- **91** – **WINE ADVOCATE**, October 2014

"..a blend of 64% Pinotage, 4% Merlot and 32% Cabernet Sauvignon matured in American and French oak for 12 months, has a nicely focused bouquet with broody blackberry and iodine scents that unfurl nicely in the glass, but never become over-bearing. The palate is medium-bodied with juicy, ripe tannins, good acidity and a succulent finish of dark cherries, raspberry and soy that lacquer the mouth, but there is sufficient acidity to keep everything tense and poised. This is nicely crafted and should give several years of pleasure."

- **90** – **WINE SPECTATOR**, April 2015

"A broad, fleshy style, with lots of plum paste, warmed fig and boysenberry confiture notes, inlaid with anise, roasted apple wood and cinnamon accents. This solid crowd-pleaser shows good depth"