

# the wine trust

HERITAGE · TRADITION · CRAFT



## Asara Wine Estate Background

**Owner:** Markus Rahmann

**Country:** South Africa

**Region:** Stellenbosch

**Founded:** 1691 / 2000

**Annual Production:** 80,000 cs

**Description:** Asara Wine Estate is located in the heart of the renowned Stellenbosch winelands on acreage first farmed in 1691. The estate is one of the largest in the Cape at over 400 acres and boasts a diversity of soil types. Asara's award-winning winemaking follows a minimalist philosophy focused on expressing the unique terroirs of the estate.

## Wine Notes – 2016 Asara Vineyard Collection Cape Fusion

Cape Fusion is a unique Cape Blend of Shiraz, Pinotage and Malbec (the Malbec is an unusual addition to the typical Cape Blend cepage). The Pinotage and Malbec are grown in a single vineyard block at the highest elevation on the estate in red clay soils, while the Shiraz is planted at a lower elevation in acidic, yellow Oakleaf soils. Both soil types are well drained and produce consistently, making them the perfect foundation for the estate's premier bottlings. Grapes are hand-harvested, sorted and destemmed, with each component separately fermented and then matured in French oak barriques. The best barrels are selected for blending just prior to bottling.

## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	40% Shiraz, 38% Pinotage, 22% Malbec
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	South Africa / Stellenbosch
<b>Vine Age / Yields:</b>	20 years old
<b>Production Volume:</b>	38,000 cases / year
<b>Vineyard Characteristics:</b>	Mix of granitic red clay and yellow acidic clay, NW to SE exposure
<b>Wine-Making / Vinification:</b>	Hand-harvested after extended hangtime in cool morning hours, destemmed and separately fermented in stainless steel 5-6 weeks Each component aged separately in 225L French oak barriques, with the best barrels selected for the final blend
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	14.0%
<b>Acidity:</b>	5.5 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.57
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	4.9 g/l