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## Bonfire Hill, Extreme Vineyards Red, Western Cape, South Africa, 2018



### Producer Profile

Winemaker Trizanne Barnard has years of international winemaking experience. Her passion lies in the Western Cape, making wines sourced from the most extreme vineyards and blending them to perfection.

Trizanne seeks out grapes from wind-ravaged vineyards in Elim, the old expanses of the Overberg Highlands, from dryland bush vines in the warm Swartland and from the high slopes of the Piekernierskloof. They then all come together under Trizanne's watchful eye to create wines full of flavour, tannin and texture.

### Viticulture

Vines are grown on some "extreme" vineyards": The Drift Estate in Overberg Highlands, where it is very cold in Winter and cool in Summer, vineyards are perched perilously on the slopes of Akkedisberg, pounded by wind. Slow growing and low yield. The Leeuwenkuil Family Vineyards, where it is very hot and arid.

### Winemaking

Some varieties are vinified separately, others co-fermented. Harvested at 24.5oB. Fermentation in stainless steel tank, with a cold soak for 2 days, the fermentation lasted 4 to 5 days at 25°C. Malolactic fermentation and some aging in stainless steel tanks, the rest in oak. Cinsaut is unoaked and Pinotage and Shiraz was aged in 70% French and 30% American oak.

### Tasting Note

An intriguing, inviting blend of red summer fruits, spring fynbos flowers, Indian spice and just a hint of toasty oak on the nose. The palate is surprisingly decadent, rich, with almost creamy tannins. You'll find raspberries, blackberries, ripe plum and a hint of pepper, spice and leather on the palate. It is balanced, with just the tiniest prod of refreshing, salty acid, like a playful poke of Neptune's trident.

### Food Matching

Brai and BBQ foods.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Shiraz 36%  
Cinsault 32%  
Pinotage 32%

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

#### Oak Aging

Time: 3 Months

Type: 70% French and  
30% American oak

% wine oaked: 70

% new oak: None