



# Aaldering

VINEYARDS & WINES

## FLORENCE BY AALDERING 2020

### Cape blend



**Estate:** Aaldering Vineyards & Wines  
**Origin:** South Africa  
**Region:** Stellenbosch  
**Variety:** Pinotage 47% Cabernet Sauvignon (45%)  
Merlot (6%) Shiraz (2%)  
**Vintage:** 2020

### Background

The Florence range was introduced to offer exciting and youthful blends that can be enjoyed regularly. The range was named after the only granddaughter of Marianne & Fons Aaldering, Florence. From the Latin name Florentius or the feminine form Florentia, which also means "prosperous" and "to blossom".

### Tasting Notes

Deep purple in colour.  
Plums, red and black berries infuse the nose whilst lead pencil, chocolate and coffee notes add warmth and complexity to this trinity of cultivars.  
A full bodied wine with a palate of fruitcake, dark chocolate and brooding fruit is supported by granular tannins that add length, depth and longevity to this Cape blend.

### Winemakers Report

We experienced good cold conditions during the winter and rainfall was higher than previous year. In September, temperature fluctuations delayed vine growth however, and in certain cultivars resulted in late and uneven bud burst. By the end of September, temperatures rose again with subsequent good vine growth.  
Small berries and bunches were the norm for the vintage due to the cooler weather during the growth season, this led to concentrated fruit and colour. The blend was matured in a mixture of third and fourth fill French Oak 225 L barrels in order to respect the fruit aromas and soften the tannin structure.

### Aging Potential

Enjoy this wine over the next 10 years. Bottled with a handy screwcap in order to preserve all fruit flavours. Ideal serving temperature between 16-18°C/61-64°F.

### Food Matches

Enjoy this wine with a typical South African Cape – Malay bobotie or pasta and pizza dishes.

### Technical Analysis

ALC: 14,8%    RS: 2,9 g/l    TA: 5,7 g/l    pH: 3.63