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Worcester Claims Two ABSA Top 10 Pinotage Winners

The 24th 2020 Absa Top 10 Pinotage competition attracted 149 entries from all the wine regions of South Africa. Despite the challenges imposed by a temporary alcohol ban and mandatory lockdown, it's encouraging to see the continued interest and support for this uniquely South African varietal and the sought-after accolade which the competition awards.

Beyers Truter, Chairman of the Pinotage Association says, "The Pinotage Association's Vision2025 endeavors to get all stakeholders in sync with regards to pinotage research, knowledge transfer and marketing. We want to double pinotage's contribution to the economy in the period ending in 2025, when pinotage will be celebrating its centenary. This will be possible with the commitment from our partner ABSA and their continued support to the wine industry". He also stressed on the improved quality of pinotage and winemakers greater understanding their terroir, these being the fundamental ingredients of the success recipe.

Pinotage Association chair Beyers Truter is not only delighted with the quality of the wines but also that they represent the vast Cape winelands. The winner's representation includes three from Stellenbosch, two from Durbanville, two from Paarl, one from Swartland, and two from Worcester. Five of the Top 10 winners are from the 2018 vintage, 2019 (one), 2017 (three) and 2016 (one).

Worcester Wine and Olive Route is absolutely delighted and proud to announce that both Aan de Doorns and Conradie Penhill are ABSA Pinotage Top 10 winners! CONGRATULATIONS to you and to your winemaking teams!

Aan de Doorns Vintage Pinotage 2018

- *(Violets and caramel on the nose with prunes, stewed fruit and lightly smokey spiciness on the palate.)*



Conradie Penhill Family Vineyard Pinotage 2019

- *(Boldly fruity with wafts of plum, integrated spice and dusted with a smokey finish and juicy tannins.)*

