



## PINOTAGE 2008

WINEMAKER: Abrie Beeslaar

VARIETIES: 100% Pinotage

ORIGIN: Simonsberg, Stellenbosch

CLIMATE: Cold, wet winter with a slow ripening period.

**AGE OF VINES:** Up to 55 year old bush vines.

**IRRIGATION:** None – dry land

SOIL: Decomposed granite and Hutton soils.

YIELD: 5.1 tons/ha – 3315 litre/ha

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation took place in open concrete fermenters @ 28°C. Cap was punched manually every 2 hours and was the juice drawn off the skins after 3 days.

**DESCRIPTION:** Full bodied wine with a dark purple colour. Intense red fruit flavours, plum, cherry and banana.

**MATURATION:** Matured for 15 months in 75% new 225 lit. French and 25% 2nd fill.

AGING POTENTIAL: Can, under decent conditions, mature for 15 to 20 years.

FOOD SUGGESTION: Red meat or spicy Asian style dishes.

**CHEMICAL ANALYSIS:** 

ALCOHOL FREE SO2 TOTAL SO2 PH T/A R/S V/A 14% 54 112 3.86 5.7 1.9 0.73

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