

Little River Pinotage 2002

A fynbos and wild herb nose carries on to the front palate. A balance of mushrooms and an earthy barnyard feel leads one to believe that this wine is a descendant of Pinot Noir. Wood ageing leaves this wine with a long clean finish.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : De Meye Wines

winemaker : Marcus Milner

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.9 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.75 ta : 5.3 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : The grapes come from 24 year old vineyards on De Meye Farm in the Western part of Muldersvlei. Here the moderate climate, combined with the regular, afternoon, westerly winds with their cooling effect, and the rich fertile soils, create ideal conditions for healthy grapes, for red wines in particular. The low yield of seven tons per hectare also contributed to the high quality.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand picked at a sugar level of 24° Balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then wood-matured in second-fill small French oak barrels for 9 months, before being bottled in July 2004.

