

## Laibach Pinotage 2003

Swiss International Air Line Awards 2005 - Bronze

Silver - International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWCS) 2005

The wine is a great example of this unique variety. Lovely ripe flavours with banana, lavender and red berry characters prominent. On the palate great balance and complexity, well supported by classic oak aromas. What you smell is what you get and the mouth feel is electric with different dimensions of flavour.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Ladybird Vineyards

winemaker : Francois van Zyl

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol    rs : 2.1 g/l    pH : 3.82    ta : 5.3 g/l

type : Red    wooded

pack : Bottle    closure : Cork

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Voted as one of the ABSA TOP 10 Pinotages for 2004.

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ageing : This medium to full bodied wine can be enjoyed now, but will develop in to something very special in 4-8 years.

in the vineyard : The fruit was picked early February from a 7 year old bush vine Pinotage block. No irrigation is used and the yield is about 4-5 tons / hectare. Picking is done in the early morning and no warm fruit is allowed into the cellar. The grapes are picked ripe, but no "dead berries" are allowed. We are not looking for a big overripe style, but want to have the classic Laibach seal on all our wines.

about the harvest: As a winemaker you always dream about those famous, great vintages. The ones you can look back in 20 years and say that you were fortunate enough being part of that. The 2003 vintage for Laibach was a very good one. Being blessed with such great terroir we had fairy tale growing conditions. This together with absolute attention to detail in the vineyards and cellar produced exceptional fruit. Cool January day and night temperatures are very important for this early variety. Who can perform under immense pressure?