

## Spier Private Collection Pinotage 2002

John Platter Wine Guide 2005 - 4 stars

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Silver - International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2005

International Wine Challenge 2005 - Seal of Approval

The wine is ruby red in colour with plummy purple tones on the edge. Ripe berry flavours are complemented by vanilla and coffee undertones. A soft, mouth-filling wine with almost sweet fruitiness that lingers on the palate.

The Pinotage grape is unique to South Africa and this wine is especially recommended with gammon, duck and venison.

**variety** : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery** : Spier Wine Farm

**winemaker** : Frans Smit

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 14.68 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.3 g/l

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

**pack** : Bottle

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**ageing** : Enjoy now, or within the next year.

**in the vineyard** : Soil: Deep Hutton

Average temperature: Summer 23.5°C; Winter: 10°C

Annual rainfall: 650 mm

Proximity to ocean: 20 km

12-year-old bush- and trellised vines planted in slightly sloped, south- and southeast-facing sites yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary irrigation and produced 7 tons per hectare.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were picked at 26° Baling and the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks as well as oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred in the barrels. The wine was blended with 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. An 80% portion of the wine was matured in French oak, and the rest in tight grain American oak barrels for 14 months.



### Spier Wine Farm

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