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Zonnebloem Pinotage 2003



Colour: Deep red with purple edges
Bouquet: Liqueur cherries and chocolate.
Taste: A full-bodied wine with nuances of wood.

The winemaker suggests drinking it on its own or serving it as the perfect accompaniment to poultry, game or red meat dishes.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Zonnebloem Wines
winemaker : Michael Bucholz
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 13.06 % vol **rs :** 1.8 g/l **pH :** 3.41 **ta :** 6.2 g/l
type : Red **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : **Viticulturist: Henk van Graan**
The grapes were sourced from trellised, dryland vineyards in the Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch Kloof, Devon Valley, Somerset West and Jonkershoek areas. Mostly south-west facing, they derive the maximum benefit from cooling maritime breezes to ensure slow ripening and concentrated fruit flavours.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand in February at between 24Â° and 25Â° Balling when fruit and tannins were fully ripened but the berries and skins were still firm.

in the cellar : Each vineyard block was individually vinified. After fermentation for 10 to 12 days, the wine was aged in a combination of small wood (55%) and in stainless steel (45%). First and second fill 300 litre oak barrels from America, France and Eastern Europe were used for maturation.