

## Longridge Pinotage 2003

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Veritas 2005 - Silver

The wine is dark, black cherry in colour with a youthful purple edge. Soft cherry fruit aromas mingle with whiffs of toasty spice, tobacco and smoked banana and the fruit follows through on the soft, succulent palate. A stylish wine with a lingering finish.

Chicken, lamb and game dishes are recommended.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Longridge Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Kobie Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.47 % vol rs : 2.06 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.89 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle

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**ageing :** Enjoy now or within 7 to 12 years from harvest.

**in the vineyard :** CLIMATE: Average Temperature: Summer - 20Â°C, Winter - 14Â°C

Annual Rainfall: 890mm

Proximity to ocean: 12km

Soil: Glen Rosa and Estcourt

Viticulture: Trellised, 6-year-old vines planted on northeast-facing slopes yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 8 tons per hectare.

**about the harvest:** Grapes from selected vineyard blocks were hand-harvested at 25.5Â° Balling and carefully sorted prior to de-stemming.

**in the cellar :** The berries were gently crushed and cooled down to 10 to 12Â°C. Cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks and malolactic fermentation was completed in oak barrels. Maturation in a combination of French and American oak barrels broadened the flavours and added complexity and finesse. The wines from specially selected barrels were then blended to create this ultra premium wine.

