

## Neethlingshof Pinotage 2002

**Colour:** Dark plum with a slight purple tinge.

**Bouquet:** Aromas of mulberry, cinnamon with undertones of plum and subtle banana.

**Taste:** Elegant, velvety and medium-bodied with meaty savoury notes supported by black berry flavours.

This wine is an ideal companion to red meat and rich cheeses.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Neethlingshof Wine Estate

**winemaker :** De Wet Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 15.0 % vol rs : 3.45 g/l pH : 3.64 ta : 5.62 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** The wine is ready to drink now, but has the potential to mature further over the next 5 years.

**in the vineyard :** The grapes were sourced from 10 year old south-east facing vineyards. The vines were grafted on Richter 99 rootstock and grows in deep red soil at 125m above sea-level. The vines are trellised on a five-wire vertical hedge system and irrigated by means of an overhead sprinkler system.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested by hand at 24Â° Balling in mid-February with a yield of 6 tons per hectare.

**in the cellar :** Fermentation in rotation tanks took place at 25Â° to 28Â°C over six days. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured for 17 months in a combination of French (75%) and American (25%) oak, of which 24% was new barrels.



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