

Spier Private Collection Pinotage 2003

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Dark cherry in colour, with an attractive purple edge. Prominent aromas of ripe cherry fruit are complemented by whiffs of tobacco. The wine is exceptionally well balanced with powerful cherry fruit on the soft, creamy palate and lingering aftertaste.

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 : Kobie Viljoen

wine of origin : Coastal

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 and within 10 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : **Climate:**

Average temperature: Summer 21.5°C; Winter: 14.5°C

Annual rainfall: 885 mm

Proximity to ocean: 10 km

Soil:

Glen Rosa

Vineyard:

Trellised, 7-year-old vines planted on southwest-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 optimum ripeness, meticulously sorted, gently crushed and cooled down to 12°C.

in the cellar : Cold soaking preceded temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks and the 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 before bottling.



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