

Laroche Grand Vin Pinotage 2004

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Ripe black cherries, plums and chocolate on nose. Rich plummy fruit and complex oak flavours that lingers in the mouth ending with ample soft ripe tannins. Will mature well over the next decade.

Colour: Deep purple red

Nose: Intense and rich with fruit and spice

Palate: Full-bodied, complex and incredible length

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : LAvenir Vineyards

winemaker : Tinus Els

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.75 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red style : Dry body : Full wooded

pack : Bottle

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ageing : Long maturation potential.

in the vineyard : Soil Type: Glenrosa (decomposed shale with clay underneath)

Irrigation: Dry land

Age of Vines: 4 à€" 39 years

about the harvest: Yield: Selected strains

Harvest date: End of January to mid February

in the cellar : Fermentation: 5 days at up to 32Â°C in stainless steel tanks

Maceration: 36 hours

Malolactic fermentation: Yes

Maturation: 14 months in French barriques

Fining: None

Bottling: Sterile filtered to ensure safe long ageing potential if necessary and bottled under vacuum for maximum protection

A warm dry summer resulted in excellent healthy ripe grapes. Yields were relatively low and good concentration of flavours were experienced in all the red varieties à€" an exceptional vintage for Pinotage with long maturation potential.

