

## Two Oceans Pinotage 2006

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Colour: Dark ruby.

Bouquet: Lots of berries with cherries in background.

Taste: Medium-bodied with rich fruit flavours of plums and Strawberries followed by a slight tannic finish.

This is an elegant, very approachable wine that is sufficiently versatile to be enjoyed with white and red meat dishes, as well as pastas.

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**variety** : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery** : Two Oceans Wines

**winemaker** : Justin Corrans

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : **alc** : 13.94 % vol **rs** : 6.2 g/l **pH** : 3.54 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

**type** : Red

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

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**in the vineyard** : This Distell label takes its name from the two great oceans that converge at the Cape, the Indian and the Atlantic. The Cape's Coastal Region enjoys a temperate climate, cooled by day-time maritime breezes from both oceans and a drop in night-time temperatures to allow grapes to ripen slowly. In addition, the moderate humidity means vines are far less prone to disease than in areas with higher moisture levels.

To ensure the finest quality, grapes are sourced from vineyards in cool growing areas. The winemaker works very closely with a team of viticulturists and he closely supervises pruning, suckering and canopy management for optimal crop yield. During the ripening season the grapes are tasted daily for ripeness and also chemically analysed to ensure they are picked when varietal flavours are most concentrated, tannins are ripe and there is a good balance between fruit and acid.

### **The vineyards (Viticulturist: Bennie Liebenberg)**

The grapes came from vineyards in the Helderberg, Malmesbury and Durbanville areas, situated at altitudes ranging from 50m to 180m above sea level. Some of the vines are grown as bush vines and were planted in 1985 while the others are trellised on a hedge system and planted in 1998. All the vines are grafted on Phylloxera resistant rootstocks. Most of the vineyards are grown under dryland conditions while some received supplementary irrigation.

**about the harvest**: The grapes were harvested between 24° and 25° Balling in early February.

**in the cellar** : The wine was fermented for five days on the skins to preserve as much fruit as possible and extract enough colour without extracting the full-bodied tannins. The wine was fermented with French oak chips and matured on French oak chips for 9 months.



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