

Zevenwacht Pinotage 2005

Vibrant red with a youthful purple rim. The aromas remind one of ripe cherries and other red fruit, with background hints of tasty cedarwood, vanilla and liquorice. The palate is generous with ripe plum characteristics. A wine to savour now and over the next four years.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Zevenwacht Wine Estate
winemaker : The Winemaking Team
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.8 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : A wine to savour now and over the next four years.

in the vineyard : The Pinotage vineyards on the lower lying slopes of the Kuils River Hills, are our earliest ripening grapes. The vines are trellised on a 5-wire hedge system with vertically positioned shoots with 2 bud spur pruning allowing for 16 bearers per running metre.

about the harvest: Early in February we hand harvest the intensely flavoured and impressively pigmented bunches, taking them directly to specialized red wine fermentors for an overnight "cold-soak"™

in the cellar : This allows for amazing colour extraction early on in the winemaking process. Fermentation takes place over 6 days with temperatures peaking at 28.5°C. We keep the skins in contact with the wine for a further 6 days to enhance tannin and structural extraction, making for a dense wine of great substance. After completion of malolactic fermentation the wine is transferred to second and third fill French Oak barrels where it lies quietly maturing for 9 months.



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