

KWV Lifestyle Pinotage Rose 2007

This semi-sweet wine has fresh and fruity aromas and flavours. The sweetness and finish are balanced with a refreshing acidity.

Serve chilled. Enjoy this wine on its own or with salads, al fresco meals and picnics.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : KWV Classic Collection

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 22.00 g/l pH : 3.77 ta : 5.74 g/l

type : Rose **style :** Semi Sweet **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Severe warm weather experienced during January resulted in an earlier than usual start to the harvest. These conditions lasted well into the second week of February and lead to rapidly rising sugar levels. From mid-February temperatures declined and subsequently the sugars dropped and harvesting of white and red grapes slowed considerably. Due to the cooler conditions sugar levels increased very slowly whilst grape flavours developed noticeably. The ripening conditions were close to perfect for the tail-end of the crop.

ABOUT THE AREA

South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast. This is the southernmost region of the African continent, and has a Mediterranean type climate and diverse soils perfectly suited to quality grape production.

about the harvest: Harvesting took place from February till the beginning of March.

in the cellar : The first Pinotage grapes of the season were picked at optimal ripeness. The grapes were crushed and the juice was kept in contact with the skins for several hours until a rich pink colour was obtained. The skins were then removed from the juice and it was fermented until a rich colour was achieved.

