

## Groote Post Pinot Noir 1999

**NOT AVAILABLE FOR TASTING AT CELLAR DOOR**

Dense, ripe fruit aromas of black cherries, strawberries and a touch of plum, tertiary aromas of cinnamon and cloves are starting to develop as the fruit and wood complex. The wood is fresh, but subdued in its smokiness and toast.

Palate: Initial sweet fruit flavour is carried onto the mid palate where it is surrounded by soft tannins and acid which give it amazing length and fullness. Oak flavours are very well integrated. This is a very interesting Pinot Noir and totally different in profile.



variety : Pinot Noir | Pinot Noir

winery : Groote Post Vineyards

winemaker : Adi Badenhorst

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 12.8 % vol   rs : 1.9 g/l   pH : 3.8   ta : 5.4 g/l

type : Red   style : Dry

pack : Bottle   closure : Cork

ageing : 4 years

in the cellar : Wine Magazine May 2000: 3 Stars

The wine is sold out. All grapes were crushed and destemmed allowing 25% whole berries to pass through. Grapes were fermented in stainless steel and open fermenters where they were inoculated after 7-9 days, pre fermentation maceration. Wines were pumped over 3-5 x 24 hours depending on the degree of extraction and temperatures peaked at 28.5°C. After a short maceration on the skins the grapes were pressed and malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrels and tanks. The grapes were divided into three batches and vinified separately with the aim of having three distinct building blocks or components. To accentuate typical Pinot Noir fruit, the portion in tank was pumped over gently at regular intervals with little aeration while ensuring that the temperatures did not exceed 26°C. Pressing took place immediately after the completion of fermentation. Grapes in open fermenters were vinified for the purpose of obtaining tannin extraction. These were pumped over, plunged and "racked and returned". Post fermentation maceration was applied. A portion of this wine was allowed to complete fermentation in barrel, the result being a wonderful combination of toasty, cherry aromas which are well integrated in the wine.

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