

## DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage 2003

Ink dark wine with intense flavours of rich black plum fruit, cigars, dark chocolate and spiciness

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** De Waal Wines

**winemaker :** Daniel de Waal

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Huge **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

Four previous vintages (1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001) have been worthy of this honour and all have received the ABSA Top 10 Pinotage award. The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage wines also boast with 4 and 5 stars in John Platters Wine Guide, was awarded WINE magazine Pinotage Champion and received Double gold at the Veritas Awards. Daniel de Waal received the Diners Club Winemaker of the Year award for the 2001 DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage.

**ageing :** 10 - 20 years

**in the vineyard :** Location of vineyard: On warmer north facing slopes

Soil type: Gravel & loam

Age of vineyard: 55-60 years

Rootstock: R99

Method of trellising: Bushvines

The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage is made from an almost 60-year-old single vineyard and only in those years that Daniel de Waal deems it of exceptional quality.

**about the harvest:** Sugar level at harvest: 24.5° B

Yield per hectare: 3.5 tons/ha

**in the cellar :** Cellar barrel maturation: 21 months 225-litre French barriques (100% new)

Bottling date: 09/05/2005

Market release date: June 2006

