

DeWaal CT de Waal Pinotage 2005

A Compact black wine with flavours of ripe dark cherries and damson fruit; full, and rich with a persistent finish.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : De Waal Wines

winemaker : Daniel and Chris de Waal

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.37 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.9 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

We are dedicating this wine to C.T. de Waal, one of our family members, who was the first person to make wine from the Pinotage grape.

CT de Waal was a lecturer at Elsenburg Agricultural College and was later considered to be one of the greatest red wine pundits ever. In 1941 he made history with an experimental barrel of the first Pinotage wine in the world.

Rugby most probably had a part in the history of Pinotage. De Waal played at centre for the Western Province team, and one must assume that his success with Pinotage prompted his teammates, PK Morkel and Paul Sauer, to establish Pinotage vines on their respective farms - Bellevue and Kanonkop.

ageing : 10 - 15 years

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

Soil type: Gravel & loam

Age of vineyard: 44 years

Rootstock: R99

Method of trellising: Bush vines

about the harvest: Harvest date: 10 February 2005

Sugar level at harvest: 26.5Â° B

Yield per hectare: 4.8 tons/ha

in the cellar :

Length of fermentation & maceration: 14 days

Cellar barrel maturation: 12 months in 225 litre French barriques - 60% new, 40% second fill

Bottling date: June 2007

Production: 500 cases

