

Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2006

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On the nose cherries and blueberries with sweet vanilla undertones followed by soft mouth filling tannin.

This wine lends itself to rich lamb casseroles and gentle Malay type curries.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Diemersfontein Wine and Country Estate

winemaker : Francois Roode/Brett Rightford

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 1.93 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 5.66 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : Grapes were harvested from a north facing vineyard, all bush vines. Deep Glen Rosa soils with a high clay capacity ensure good water retention - no irrigation was given.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested early in the morning with sugar at 26° B. Bunches and berries were very small, (average bunch weight approx. 125g) which we believe ensured the high extract of the wine.

in the cellar : The berries were "crushed" into an open fermenter and inoculated with yeast. Fermentation temperature at 27° - 29° C. Combined pumping over (15 minutes) and punching down (10 minutes) every 3 hours. Pressed at 2° B after completion of primary fermentation. Inoculation with Lactic Bacteria. Malolactic Fermentation happened in the barrel and lasted approximately 6 weeks after which the wine was racked and returned to barrel for maturation period of 15 months in 80% new oak (70:30; French: American).



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