

Stonecross Merlot/Pinotage 2007

The fine tannins and chocolate flavours of the Merlot compliments the ripe cherry fruits of the Pinotage.

Cottage Pie, Chicken in red wine, Vegetarian pasta.

variety : Merlot | 60% Merlot, 40% Pinotage

winery : Deetlefs Estate

winemaker : Ilze van Dijk

wine of origin : Rawsonville

analysis : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 5.22 g/l **pH** : 3.44 **ta** : 5.62 g/l **so2** : 77.0 mg/l **fso2** : 40.0 mg/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : 2 - 3 years

in the vineyard : Merlot

Rootstock: 101-14/8-7

Clone: MO12/181

Plant Date: 1998

Hectares: 6 ha

Average Ton/Ha: 12 t/ha

Trellising System: 4-wire vertical Perold

Irrigation System: Drip

Height above sea level: 238

Direction: N/S

Pinotage

Rootstock: 101-14

Clone: P148A

Plant Date: 1995

Hectares: 10 ha

Average Ton/Ha: 20 t/ha

Trellising System: 4-wire vertical Perold

Irrigation System: Drip & Micro

Height above sea level: 236 m

Direction: N/S

about the harvest: Grapes were selectively hand picked to ensure ripe fruit tannins and good structure.

Harvest date: 30 January 2007 - 2 March 2007

in the cellar : Various yeast strains and vinification techniques were used to complete the picture.

