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Muratie Pinot Noir 2007

Colour: Dark strawberry red, exceptional for Pinot Noir.
Nose: Decadent and fresh cherries dominate the nose with slight forest floor characteristics creeping through
Palate: Good balance between the ripe fruit tannin and alcohol. The oak is integrated and supports the wine to ensure a delicate yet long finish.

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir
winery : Muratie Wine Estate
winemaker : Francois Conradie
wine of origin : Simonsberg - Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 3.0 g/l **pH :** 3.61 **ta :** 5.3 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoyable now, but the patient few will be doubly rewarded in 4 - 8 years time.

in the vineyard : In 1927 Muratie was the first estate in South Africa to plant Pinot Noir. The owner of the farm, George Paul Canitz, and Professor Perold experimented with Pinot Noir on Muratie. Hence George Paul Canitz's famous quote: "Muratie Burgundy is a tonic" and "Muratie Burgundy is bottled sunshine".

The Pinot Noir vines are planted at 330m above sea level on North West facing slopes. The Table Mountain sandstone soil is rich in its moisture retaining potential, hence the dryland vineyards. The vines are a combination of 113 and 115 and 777 clones, grafted on Richter 110, 99 and planted in 1991 and 2002. Perold trellising system is being used.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand picked and yielded 6 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : They were then crushed, destalked and cold-soaked for 3 days at 8° Celsius. The wine was fermented for 7 days in traditional Burgundian open fermenters where manual pumpovers and plunging was done on a regular basis after which it was pressed and underwent malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels (30% new oak). The wine spent a further 16 months in French oak.

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