

Bellingham The Bernard Series Bush Vine Pinotage 2007

A full bodied Pinotage with a deep plum purple colour. The wine embodies sensual flavours unique to the varietal including ripe black fruit, smoked meat and a hint of truffle beautifully balanced with complex aromas from French oak.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Niel Groenewald, Mario Damon

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.42 ta : 6.04 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

International Wine Challenge 2010: Silver Medal

in the vineyard : To his friends and family he was 'Pod', but to the Cape Winelands he was Bernard Podlashuk, the maverick winemaker. Never quite satisfied to be just ordinary, he is recognised for his daring vision, sheer audacity and unabated drive that helped place South African wine on the map. The legend of Bernard's tenacity and innovative lair lives on through The Bernard Series, Bellingham's premium range of extraordinary wines.

The grapes used to make this Pinotage come from three vineyard blocks. All three vineyards are old dry-land bush vines with an average age of 20 years. Vines grow in weathered granite soils in the Stellenbosch region.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-picked and harvested at 25 degrees Balling with an average yield of 4 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : Bunch selection in the vineyard followed by berry sorting in the cellar. Grapes were fermented in open French oak barrels with daily punch downs. After malolactic fermentation in barrel, 50% of the wine was matured in new French oak and 50% in second fill barrels for a period of 14 months.



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