

Barista 2009

A burst of intense, rich coffee and chocolate aromas with ripe nuances of mulberry, plum and Maraschino cherries. The sweet aromas of vanilla and banana, typical of Pinotage, follow through on the palate and create with the ripe, luscious tannins a wine ready to be enjoyed.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Val de Vie Estate

winemaker : Lollie Louwrens

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Mainly Glenrosa/Oakleaf soils, rich in iron and clay. Warm average climate.

about the harvest: The grapes were picked optimally ripe during mid February.

in the cellar : Different batches were treated in various ways. Certain fractions were put through the "flash pasteurization "process to optimize colour and taken back to the skins for alcoholic fermentation. Some of the batches were pasteurized, and pressed immediately to be fermented on oak to ensure the rich, dark coffee aromas. The other batches were fermented conventionally on the skins after crushing and destemming, and pumped over vigorously during the course of alcoholic fermentation, to be racked and pressed directly onto French oak for the completion of fermentation. All the wine completed malolactic fermentation on French oak, after which it was stabilized.

