

## Stellenrust Pinotage 2009

Pinotage is probably the grape with the most potential for development and improvement in South Africa. If it is grown correctly and vinified correctly, it becomes an interesting wine with lots of depth and flavour.

This wine offers raspberry and ripe peach and black cherry flavours with subtle oak nuances, a warm palate and delicate lingering finish.

A great accompaniment to spicy food such as Thai green curries or traditional Cape Malay bobotie.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Stellenrust Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Tertius Boshof

**wine of origin :** Helderberg & Bottelary

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 3.3 g/l   pH : 3.50   ta : 5.8 g/l

**type :** Red   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** The vineyards where the grapes for this wine come from, excel every year at Pinotage challenges and we believe a blend of the terroirs can only lead to bigger things.

**about the harvest:** Grapes for this wine are harvested from both our Helderberg property in the Golden Triangle as well as our Bottelary property.

Grapes are picked between 24° - 25° Balling.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were crushed and allowed some cold maturation for 24 - 48 hours. It is inoculated with French yeast strains and allowed to ferment with regular punch downs for 8 days on the skin. The wine is then drained from the skins and further fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation is partially finished in the barrel (about 20% of the wine). The wine is then allowed to age in 100% French oak.

