

## DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage 2005

Ink dark wine with intense flavours of rich black plum fruit, cigars, dark chocolate and spiciness.

The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage is made from an almost 60-year old single vineyard and only in those years that Daniel de Waal deems it of exceptional quality.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** De Waal Wines

**winemaker :** Daniel de Waal

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.3 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.8 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **body :** Huge **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

Six previous vintages (1996, 1997, 2000 - 2003) have been worthy of this honour and all vintages entered have received the ABSA Top 10 Pinotage award. The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage wines also boast with 4½ and 5 stars in John Platter's Wine Guide, was awarded WINE magazine Pinotage Champion and received Double gold at the Veritas Awards. Daniël de Waal received the Diners Club Winemaker of the Year award for the 2001 DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage.

**ageing :** 10 - 15 years

**in the vineyard :** Location of vineyard: On warmer north facing slopes

Soil type: Gravel & loam

Age of vineyard: 55-60 years

Rootstock: R99

Method of trellising: Bushvines

**about the harvest:** Sugar level at harvest: 24.5° Balling

Yield per hectare: 3.5 tons/ha

**in the cellar :** Length of Fermentation & Mceration: 14 days

Cellar Barrel Maturation: 21 months 225 litre Frenc barriques (100% new)

Bottling Date: June 2007

