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Zonnebloem Pinotage 2008

Colour: Dark ruby red.
Bouquet: Elegant strawberries with blackberries aromas with undertones of nutmeg and vanilla.
Taste: A full-bodied wine with crushed berries and well integrated wood flavours with a long finish.

The winemaker suggests drinking it on its own or with poultry, game or red meat dishes.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Zonnebloem Wines
winemaker : Bonny van Niekerk
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.82 g/l **ta :** 6.0 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : These full-bodied wines are well-structured to show varietal character with rich, robust flavours, yet remain accessible and easy to drink with a soft palate, and in the case of the reds, to last for five to 10 years.

in the vineyard : **Viticulturist: Annelie Viljoen**
The grapes were sourced from trellised, dryland vineyards in the Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch Kloof, Devon Valley, Somerset West and Jonkershoek areas. Mostly south-west facing, they derive the maximum benefit from cooling maritime breezes to ensure slow ripening and concentrated fruit flavours.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand in February at between 24.5° and 25.5° Balling when fruit and tannins were fully ripened but the berries and skins were still firm.

in the cellar : **Winemaker: Bonny van Niekerk**
Each vineyard block was individually vinified. After fermentation for 10 to 13 days, the wine was aged in a combination of small wood (55%) and in stainless steel (45%). First and second fill 300 litre oak barrels from America, France and Eastern Europe were used for maturation.