

Fairview Pinotage Viognier 2009

Liquorice, dark chocolate, cinnamon and banana aromas with concentrated black cherry and plum fruit on the palate. Medium bodied with a good tannin structure. Full, fruit-laden finish.

variety : Pinotage | 96% Pinotage, 4% Viognier

winery : Fairview Wines

winemaker : Anthony de Jager

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.7 g/l pH : 3.61 ta : 5.1 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

Previous Vintage 2007: Gold - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2008

in the vineyard : This fruit was supplemented by a small amount from a younger, trellised vineyard at Fairview. The vineyards are from three sites; Malmesbury and Agter-Paarl, which is dry farmed vineyards on deep shale soils, and Fairview in more sandy, duplex soils. Viognier grows on the gentle slopes at the base of Paarl mountain on granite soils as well as at some new sites in Agter-Paarl (Primo vineyards - Glenrosa soil type).

Winemaker's Comments

"2009 was a very good vintage in general, with a medium sized crop on the vines and good concentration and flavour. The wines from the vintage show lovely rich fruit flavours and supple tannins. My first impression is that this promises to an excellent wine." Anthony de Jager

about the harvest: Harvest Date: First week of February 2008.

Pinotage was predominantly harvested from bush vines, some of which were up to 25 years old.

in the cellar : This wine was a world first from Fairview. Pinotage and Viognier are co-fermented, in much the same way that Shiraz is treated in the south of France. This softens the Pinotage and elevates the fruit, while adding a subtle fragrance to this approachable and generous wine.

The grapes were destalked and crushed into stainless steel fermentation tanks. The juice and skins were left for two days to cold soak before fermentation. The two varietals were co-fermented at between 22°C and 27°C and three pump overs were done per day. After fermentation the wine was pressed off the skins and malolactic fermentation was completed in stainless steel tanks. After this was completed, the wine spent a further eight months in a combination of used French and American oak barrels. No new wood was used.

