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Rickety Bridge Pinotage 2009

Upfront dark red fruit dominates the nose with mulberry, chocolate and spice, and plumy undertones. Good structure with a lingering aftertaste of dark berry fruit. Well integrated, but ample tannins supported by the subtle oaking.

Coq au vin, ostrich carpaccio, roast duck or veal.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Rickety Bridge Estate
winemaker : Wynand Grobler
wine of origin : Wstern Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.7 % vol **rs :** 2.80 g/l **pH :** 3.7 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Drink now, can mature for up to 5 years.

in the vineyard : Vineyards identified in the Swartland region grown in decomposed granite soils on easterly facing slopes. Well manicured and settled vines yielding a low 7 tonnes/ha.

about the harvest: Grapes where harvested by hand at 24.4° Balling into small crates with good harvesting conditions through out.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in an open fermentation tank at 28° C with 2 - 3 punch downs daily. The wine was pressed gently up to 1.3 Bar pressure after 10 days. Malolactic fermentation took place in older small French Oak barrels to allow the fruit characters to be well expressed in the wine. Total maturation time in barrel was 16 months.