

## Welmoed Pinotage 2009

A charming medium bodied wine with a vivid ruby-red colour. Banana, raspberry and ripe fruit on the nose. Ripe mulberry fruit palate with elegant tannin and soft, fruity finish. Well-integrated oak aromas complements a well balanced wine.

Serve with red meat dishes. Oxtail is ideal with this wine.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Welmoed Winery

**winemaker :** Stephan Smit

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.0 g/l pH : 3.58 ta : 5.64 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

**ageing :** Consume within the next three years.

**in the vineyard :** Grapes are sourced from select vineyard blocks in the Stellenbosch region prior to the harvest season. Cool Mediterranean climate and loamy clay soils.

**about the harvest:** Harvested at optimum ripeness beginning to mid February - picked at 24° B.

**in the cellar :** Fermentation (25° - 28° C) takes place on the skins in static red fermenters for approximately 5 days, pressed off skins prior to dryness to avoid any unnecessary varietal tannins, yet retaining its soft ripe tannins. Malolactic fermentation and maturation takes place in stainless steel tanks with 2g/l of chosen medium toast French oak staves for 10 months.

