

Bay View Pinotage 1999

Pinotage, a varietal created in South Africa, combines the robust growth of Cinsaut (also known as Hermitage) with the full bodied, complex flavors of Pinot Noir. Intense flavors of ripe cherries and plums are subtly enhanced by a hint of cloves. An elegant touch of wood adds dimension.

variety : Pinotage | Pinotage

winery :

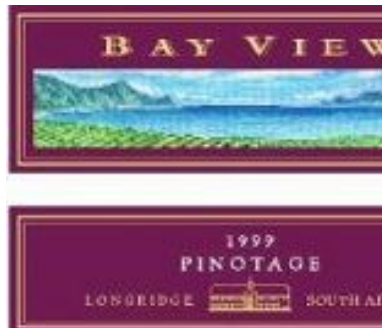
winemaker : Ben Radford

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 12.91 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.75 ta : 5.9 g/l

type : Red

Veritas 2000 Bronze award



about the harvest: A second winter of unusually warm, dry conditions brought vines on early. A cool snap at flowering led to vastly lower yields in early-ripening varieties while yielding excellent quality. The grapes were harvested from 10 – 15 year old vines, at 25.1° Brix.

in the cellar : The juice from Stellenbosch underwent 2 to 3 days pre-fermentation cold maceration, then was inoculated with French yeast. On completion of fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation then matured in small French oak barrels for 11 months. The juice from the Western Cape was fermented in stainless steel tanks using local yeast. On blending the 2 components, the wine was fined and then bottled without filtration, in order to retain maximum intensity of flavours.