

## Zevenwacht Pinotage 2010

A vibrant dark cherry colour, aromas of coffee, plum and chocolate, with smoked vanilla undertones and background hints of cedar wood and liquorice. The palate is rich and generous with ripe cherry flavours and hints of liquorice, chocolate and coffee enhanced by subtle barrel maturation.

To drink slightly chilled as an aperitif or with cherries wrapped in crisp bacon, or with smoked snoek, smoked chicken, smoked mussels or my personal favourite pizza with parma ham, rocket and parmesan shavings. Enjoy with chocolate brownies, vanilla ice cream and berry goulash from your nearest berry farm.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Zevenwacht Wine Estate

**winemaker :** Jacques Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 3.6 g/l   pH : 3.63   ta : 6.2 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** A wine to savour now and over the next four years.

**in the vineyard :** The vineyards for this wine are situated on the northern slopes of the Banhoek Valley, ranging in altitude from 450 – 500m above sea level allowing for moderate temperatures.

**about the harvest:** We harvest approximately six to eight tons per hectare.

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**in the cellar :** On 23rd of February 2011 we hand harvested the intensely flavored and impressively pigmented bunches, taking them directly to specialized red wine fermentors for an overnight 'cold-soak'. This allows for amazing colour extraction early on in the winemaking process. Fermentation takes place with temperatures peaking at 25° C. The wine is pressed off the skins after 6 days into new French Oak, to complete primary fermentation, then followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine is then transferred to second fill French Oak barrels where it matures for 9 months.



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