

Morkel Pinotage 2009

Vanilla, coconut, plums and raspberries on the nose, followed by layers of ripe complex fruit and oak flavours on the palate. A bold well balanced wine with a long clean finish.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Bellevue Wine Estate

winemaker : Wilhelm Kritzinger

wine of origin :

analysis : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 1.4 g/l **pH** : 3.52 **ta** : 6.0 g/l **va** : 0.67 g/l **so2** : 148 mg/l **fso2** : 39 mg/l

type : Red **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

4½ Stars - John Platter
Wine Guide

2001 - Double Gold At Veritas,
ABSA Top 10 Pinotage,
Michelangelo Grand Gold

2002 - Double Gold At Veritas,
ABSA Top 10 Pinotage

2005 - Double Gold At Michelangelo

2007 - Double Gold Veritas

ageing : Can mature for at least another 5 - 10 years.

in the vineyard : Viticulturist: Dirkie Morkel - 4th Generation owner of the Estate

Origin: Bottelary, Stellenbosch

Climate: A cold wet winter, followed by mild, dry spring and cooler than average summer, created perfect conditions. An excellent vintage.

Soil: Glenrosa

Trellising: Untrellised

Age of Vines: From 36 to 56 years old

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested at 25° Balling

Yield: +/-5t/ha

in the cellar : Fermented at 26° - 28° C for about 4 days. Pumped over 3 times daily during alcoholic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation was completed in tanks. The wine then spent 24 months in 300li (french-made) American oak barrels.