

Rijks Private Cellar Pinotage 2008

This crimson coloured wine has a unique elegant nose of red fruit and cherries, which is reminiscent of a great Pinot Noir. These attractive fruity aromas carry through onto a rich, creamy palate that is finished off with well-balanced refined tannins.

To release all flavours and to allow to breathe, please decant 1 hour before consumption.
Recommended to be served at optimal temperature of 17° C.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Rijks Wine Estate

winemaker : Pierre Wahl

wine of origin : Tulbagh

analysis : alc : 14.39 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : Red **wooded**

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

Decanter World Wine Awards 2013 - Silver Medal
2013 SAWi Awards - Platinum
2013 SAWi Awards for best Red Wine
2013 SAWi Award for best Pinotage
Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2012 - The Best Pinotage
2012 ABSA Pinotage Top 10 finalist
Michelangelo International Wine Awards – Double Gold
Trophy winner at International Wine & Spirits Competition for best Pinotage in the world
Trophy at Michelangelo for best Pinotage
Trophy at Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show for best Pinotage
Rated as one of the Top 100 wines in SA

ageing : 15 Years after vintage

about the harvest: Hand picked in the cool of the night to retain freshness and flavours.

Harvest Dates: 29 January, 1 February, 8 February & 14 February 2008

in the cellar : 48 hours cold maceration (10° C), prior to fermentation. MLF took place in barrels. Matured for 20 months in 60% French and 40% American oak barrels. A total of 50% new, 40% 2nd fill and 10% 3rd fill barrels were used for ageing.

Bottling Date: September 2010

Production: 3500 x 6

Release Date: Elegance, finesse and concentrated fruit reflecting the true character of the cultivar from our soils are the hallmarks of Rijks's Private Cellar wines. This wine was aged in the bottle for 1 year and 6 months. After many tastings and discussions it was only released in March 2012.

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