

## Allee Bleue Starlette Pinotage 2012

The wine has an intense ruby red colour. Abundant strawberry and ripe cherry flavours on the nose. A slight hint of chocolate, liquorice and coffee gives added complexity. The palate is smooth and soft with beautiful fruit that lingers. Elegant tannin structure rounds of this accessible wine which will age well over the next 2-3 years.

The wine is a perfect companion for a juice lamb roast with baby vegetables or fresh pasta at your favourite Italian place. Or on its own.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Allee Bleue Estate

**winemaker :** Van Zyl du Toit

**wine of origin :** Franschhoek / Paarl

**analysis :** alc : 14.2 % vol   rs : 4.1 g/l   pH : 3.50   ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

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**ageing :** Elegant tannin structure rounds of the this accessible wine which will age well over the next 2 - 3 years.

**in the vineyard :** The grapes were sources from our own vineyards and from a selected site in Paarl Valley.

**in the cellar :** After harvesting, cooling and sorting, the grapes were crushed to the red wine fermenters and cold soak done @ 7°C for 4 days. After inoculation with yeast the pumps over's started intensely for 4 days before pressing at 8°B. This ensures a supple and smooth Pinotage. The finished wine underwent MLF in barrel and tank and further maturation for 12 months on staves before blending and bottling.

