

Nitida Pinotage 2012

Wondering through Aladdin's market on a dusty warm summer day. Enchanting sweet violets, blueberry and raspberry fruit mingles with wafting smoked pine shavings and a smorgasbord of white spice.

A dead cert with dessert, waterblommetjie bredie or cinnamon sweet potato.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Nitida

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 14.47 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.82 ta : 4.8 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2011 Platters 3 stars; 2010 SA wine index 96+ club; 2006 Michelangelo gold; 2005 Michelangelo double gold; 2003 Veritas double gold; 2002 Michelangelo silver medal, Platter 4 stars; 2001 SA Wine Trophy Show silver medal, & Top 100 wine, International Wine Challenge seal of Approval, Fairbairn Capital Trophy Show silver, Platter 4 stars; 1999 Wine magazine 3 star rating; 1998 Veritas silver medal, Wine magazine 3 star rating.

ageing : Drink now and over the next 5 years.

in the vineyard :

5 rows bought in from one of our neighbours, which meant we could keep a close eye on them and ensure that leaf plucking began in early December. This allows more sun exposure to the bunches which gives that lovely ripe fruit and will carry through to the wine.

in the cellar :

Always a tricky wine to make as you need to press at exactly the right time to avoid potential bitterness & over extraction, which leads to stewed fruit & 'porty' flavours. Again more pinot noir in style making it very accessible with or without food. This wine is showing beautiful balance between fruit and wood.

Wood: 4 months, 100% French

