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Two Oceans Pinotage 2013



Colour: Dark ruby with purple edges.
Bouquet: An abundance of plum, red berry fruit with hints of banana and subtle spicy oak aromas.
Taste: A remarkably soft and approachable medium-bodied wine with a fresh acidity backed by ripe strawberry flavours and soft lingering tannins.

An elegant, approachable wine that is sufficiently versatile to be enjoyed with white and red meat dishes, as well as pastas.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Two Oceans Wines
winemaker : Justin Corrans
wine of origin :
analysis : **alc :** 12.96 % vol **rs :** 7.43 g/l **pH :** 3.66 **ta :** 5.48 g/l
type : Red **style :** Off Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :
Background
At the southern tip of Africa, along the brooding, craggy coastline of the southern Cape, two mighty but opposing oceans meet - the one cold, the other, warm. The impact is immense. It affects the climate, the coastline and areas inland, and the influence on the vineyards of the Western Cape is significant.

The Atlantic Ocean that flows along the west coast of Africa is fed by the icy Benguela current from the South Pole. The Indian Ocean is fed by the Agulhas current coming from the tropics. Their connection, amidst crashing waves and soaring spray, creates a unique set of conditions.

Whether along the coast or further inland, the presence of the oceans is never far away. Cooling sea breezes and mists can lower temperatures during the lead-up to the harvest, slowing down ripening. Grapes aren't hurried but develop in their own time with flavours that are balanced, intense and plentiful.

You can taste it in Two Oceans wines: fresh, delicious and full of life.

Two Oceans takes its responsibility to the environment very seriously. All wines are made from IPW-accredited vines, farmed according to eco-sustainable principles. They also carry the fully traceable sustainability seal that guarantees production integrity every step of the way from the vineyards to the final pack, be it bottle or box. Bottled wines are sold exclusively in light-weight, fully recyclable 410 gram bottles, while labels, inks and adhesives are all biodegradable.

This wine is made entirely of Pinotage grapes.

The vineyards (viticulturist: Bennie Liebenberg)
The grapes were sourced from vineyards in the Helderberg, Malmesbury and Durbanville areas, situated at altitudes ranging from 50 m to 180 m above sea level. Some of the vines are grown as bush vines and others are trellised. The majority of the vineyards are grown under dry-land conditions while some received supplementary irrigation.

about the harvest: The 2013 vintage was later than usual, so grapes were harvested at an optimum sugar level of 23° to 24° Balling. Grapes were harvested by hand and machine.

in the cellar : The juice was fermented on the skins for five days during which pump-overs were performed. Extraction was carefully monitored by tasting to ensure maximum extraction of colour and flavour without aggressive tannins. Fermentation was followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine was subsequently racked onto French and American oak and matured for six months. The wine was gently finned and filtered prior to bottling.

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