

Earthbound Organic Pinotage 2013

Colour: Dark red with purple tinges.

Nose: Sweet plums with caramel, vanilla sweet spice.

Taste: Juicy with concentrated red fruits and traces of smoke and excellent integration between fruit and wood with a lingering aftertaste.

Great with game casseroles, red meat dishes, robust cheeses and dark chocolate.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Earthbound Organic Wines - CLOSED

winemaker : Samuel Viljoen

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : alc : 14.52 % vol rs : 2.12 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 5.57 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Farm Manager: Hennie van der Westhuizen

Background

The grapes for the Earthbound range of mostly organic wines are sourced from Fairtrade-accredited Papkuilsfontein Vineyards near Darling, close to South Africa's rugged West Coast. The farm has 375 ha under vine of which 173 ha is organically grown.

Organic

The vines were certified as organic by the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) after a three-year conversion process.

Fairtrade-accredited

For every ton of grapes harvested for this wine, a premium of €0.50 is paid that goes towards projects intended to benefit workers on the farm, Papkuilsfontein Vineyards, near Darling. A joint body, representing the workers decides on how premiums will be spent.

BWI member

Papkuilsfontein is a member of the Biodiversity & Wine Initiative that seeks to protect the wealth of biodiversity found in the Cape Floral Kingdom by rehabilitating land on wine farms to indigenous habitat.

in the cellar : The wine was made in an SGS-certified cellar. The grapes were fermented on the skins at 23° to 25°C until dry. Regular pump-overs ensured optimal extraction of colour and flavour. The wine was pressed and then racked into stainless steel tanks. After malolactic fermentation it was racked to barrel, where it spent nine months. A combination of 300 litre American (54%) and French (46%) oak was used, with the American oak used to impart sweet, vanilla flowers.

