

Southern Right Pinotage 2012

Southern Right is re-defining Pinotage with this intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice. Full ripeness and the longer hang-time afforded by cooler sites, combined with the complex, more classic fruit aromas and structure resulting from clay-rich soil, make this wine a highly individual expression of South Africa's unique grape variety.

variety : Pinotage | 91.2% Pinotage, 1.5% Cabernet Sauvignon 1.5% Cabernet Franc, 1.0% Malbec, 1.6%

winery : Southern Right

winemaker : Hannes Storm

wine of origin : Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

analysis : alc : 14.1 % vol rs : 2.52 g/l pH : 3.38 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Overall, 2012 was an excellent vintage (for reds in particular) with a rich generosity of texture and wonderful depth of fruit. Drier than usual conditions in the last stages of winter and early spring reduced disease risk during pruning and bud-break. Good early summer rains helped with growth and flowering was problem free. January was warmer and drier than usual, resulting in healthy disease free berry and bunch development.

Soil: Low-vigour, stony, clay-rich, shale-derived soil.

about the harvest: The harvest in general was cooler than 2011, equal to 2009, and at 24.98 degrees centigrade, very nearly equal to our long term average of 25 degrees centigrade – the average maximum temperatures for December, January, February and March.

in the cellar :

Barrel Maturation: 100%

Barrel Ageing: 10 months

Malolactic: 100%, 1st fill - 38%, 2nd fill - 33%, 3rd fill - 29%

Wooding: 100% 228 litre French Oak Barrels

Tight Grain: 100%

French Coopers: Francois Freres 61%, Mercurey 32%, Ermitage 7%

Production: 3 578 cases

