

Nederburg Winemasters Reserve Pinotage 2012

Colour: Ruby red.

Bouquet: A bounty of plums and prunes and some subtle oak spice.

Palate: A full mouthfeel with rich fruit flavours, soft tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Serve with rich winter stews, roast duck, guineafowl, quail, ostrich, game casserole, classic goulash, venison steak, smoked Kassler chops, pasta, pizza, roast leg of lamb, bobotie and evenchocolate

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Nederburg Wines

winemaker : Wilhelm Pienaar

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.18 % vol rs : 4.50 g/l pH : 3.65 ta : 5.52 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Tradition and talent blend with passion, precision and patience at Nederburg, where classically structured wines are made with vibrant fruit flavours. Nederburg's hallmark combination of fruit and finesse continues to be rewarded around the world. The Paarl winery has earned five-star ratings for three wines in the 2012 edition of Platter's South African Wine Guide. Three five-star ratings is the highest number achieved by any producer in the new edition of the guide and Nederburg shares this distinction with two other wineries. In 2011, Nederburg was chosen as Platter's Winery of the Year, with an unprecedented five wines across the multi-tiered range earning five-star ratings. The winery brought home six gold and six best-in-class ratings from the 2011 International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) in London and won two double gold and nine gold medals at the 2011 Veritas Awards, South Africa's National Wine Show. Nederburg was also awarded three trophies at the 2012 Decanter World Wine Awards. These are just some of the many accolades earned by Nederburg where hand-crafted, micro-cuvées for specialist winelovers and beautifully balanced and accessible wines for everyday enjoyment are made with equal commitment.

Razvan Macici heads the team as Nederburg cellar master. He is supported by two winemakers who work closely under his direction. They are Wilhelm Pienaar, who produces the red wines and Wim Truter, who makes the whites.

Vineyards

The grapes were sourced from vineyards in and around the Western Cape. Planted between 1990 and 1998, the vines are grown in decomposed granite, Kroonstad and Swartland soils. The vineyards are situated on south to south-westerly facing slopes, some 80m to 150m above sea level. Grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstocks Richter 99, 110 and 101-114, the vines receive supplementary irrigation from an overhead sprinkler system.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand and machine at 23° to 24.5° Balling from the end of January to mid-February.

Yields averaged between 8 and 10 tons per hectare.

in the cellar :

The Winemaster's Reserve Collection
Nederburg's core super-premium wines are accommodated in The Winemaster's Reserve ensemble, named to honour the long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classic wines treasure the integrity of our grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every glass demonstrates an unwavering



commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

After harvesting, the grapes were crushed and cool-fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 25° C to 28° C for approximately two weeks. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured in second- and third-fill oak barrels for a period of 8 to 12 months.

This wine is made entirely from Pinotage grapes.

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