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Durbanville Hills Pinotage 2012

Colour: Dark ruby.
Nose: Concentration of ripe red berry fruit and cherries with hints of mocha and cinnamon.
Taste: A rich fruity character fills the mouth,backed by silky tannins, raspberry and red cherry flavours.

Serve with barbequed meat especially accompanied with a sweet basting sauce, Mexican, North-African and Indian dishes and mild Asian cuisine. Chill the wine to serve with cold meat cuts and Gouda.



variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Durbanville Hills Wine
winemaker : Martin Moore & Wilhelm Coetzee
wine of origin : Durbanville
analysis : **alc :** 14.22 % vol **rs :** 1.7 g/l **pH :** 3.53 **ta :** 5.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :

Background
Nine leading vineyard owners in the Durbanville district joined forces with Distell to create Durbanville Hills with the aim of promoting the regional individuality of this prime winegrowing area. The striking Durbanville Hills cellar sits proudly atop a series of rolling hills with magnificent views of Table Mountain and Table Bay - the very geography that lies at the heart of what makes the wines so unique. The Durbanville ward is considered one of the Cape's coolest wine regions, thanks to the sea breezes that drift inland from False Bay and Table Bay and the late afternoon mists that bathe the slopes. These conditions are ideal for the slow ripening of the grapes, allowing them to develop their full flavoured and intense character. Grapes are sourced only from the shareholder growers, all of whom farm within the limited appellation of Durbanville. Meticulous canopy management promotes concentration of varietal flavour and colour. Cellar master Martin Moore uses highly advanced cellar technology to ensure optimal extraction of colour and flavour.

Sustainable practices includes the maintaining of the International Environmental Standard ISO 140001, treating of waste water back to irrigation quality and all vineyards subscribing to IPW (Integrated Production of Wine) growing practices, designed to sustain natural resources. In addition the farmers protect 220ha of endangered Renosterveld as part of the Biodiversity Wine Initiative (BWI).

The vineyards (vineyard consultant: Henk van Graan)
A selection of different Pinotage blocks throughout the Durbanville wine valley was used for this wine. The grapes were picked by hand during mid February and mid March respectively at sugar levels between 24° and 26° Balling. Great care was taken to ensure that the pips and skins were fully ripe.

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in the cellar : We approach the making of our Pinotage with the greatest care, gently handling the grapes with the utmost tenderness. The must was fermented on the skins in closed stainless steel tanks until almost dry (50g per litre of sugar left). At this stage the wine and skins were separated to allow fermentation to finish in stainless steel tanks.

Maximum fruit, colour and tannin extraction from the skins was made possible through soft computer-regulated pump- over cycles. After malolactic fermentation,

the wine was oak matured for 12 months using predominantly French oak, utilising a small percentage new oak together with older wood as well as wood alternatives. This is done to prevent over wooding and by doing so preserving the elegance of our cool climate fruit.

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