

Meinert Printer's Ink Pinotage 2012

Medium structure with a rich, full-bodied yet elegant mid-palate and a clean fresh finish. We place the emphasis on fruit flavours by using gentle extraction methods, thereby also avoiding hard tannins.

Enjoy with ostrich tartare, venison kebabs on rooibos noodles and surprisingly, when slightly chilled, with sushi or seared tuna.

variety : Pinotage | 85% Pinotage, 15% Merlot

winery : Meinert Wines

winemaker : Martin Meinert

wine of origin : Devon Valley

analysis : alc : 14.32 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.62 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **wooded**

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

ageing : Ageing potential: at least 10 years but probably up to 15.

From: The Printer's Ink Pinotage is a tribute to the Meinert family's heritage as printers and publishers in Namibia. Ex-journalist Martin Meinert makes a very small and personalised range of wines in limited quantities at the hillside Devon Crest vineyard outside Stellenbosch. Each wine is created with much thought and care to ensure uniqueness and individual character.

in the vineyard : The vineyard is untrellised, leading to a low yield of 5 tons/ha and early ripening. It was planted in 1997 and is on a high cool slope in Devon Valley, on deep rich Hutton soils. The vines received no supplementary irrigation.

in the cellar : Cold maceration of 10 days at under 10° C followed by a short hot fermentation (3 days) before pressing. Thereafter the wine is taken to barrel immediately where it finishes MLF. Bottled after 24 months in 225L 2nd 3rd and 4th fill French oak barrels.

Blend: Pinotage (85%) with 15% Merlot. Mostly free run with a small amount of press wine, 11%.

