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Delheim Vera Cruz Estate Pinotage 2013

Deep dark colour; black cherry and berry aromas with hints of chocolate from the oak. Full, juicy palate with good length and well-rounded finish. A wine that will reward with ageing.



variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Delheim Wine Estate
winemaker : .
wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.37 % vol **rs :** 2.0 g/l **pH :** 3.52 **ta :** 5.6 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2018 Vivino Wine Style Awards - 4.3 stars
2016 John Platter Guide - 4½
2016 Tim Atkin Report - 93 points

ageing : Drink now or mature for up to eight years after vintage.

in the vineyard : Selected from a single vineyard, Protea, with two distinct exposures, a cooler south-western slope and a warmer north-western slope. Soils are predominantly of the Oakleaf form. The 19-year-old bushvines are not irrigated.

about the harvest: Great effort is made during harvesting. Selected pockets of vines are harvested separately over 2 harvesting dates. Grapes are harvested by experienced pickers where the critical initial selection is made.

in the cellar : The grapes were de-stemmed and lightly crushed into open-top fermentors. The juice was allowed to start natural fermentation at low temperatures and after a day inoculated with a selected strain. Fermentation was done at 26°C and drawn-off before dry. A combination of pump-overs and punch-downs were done. The wine spent 17 months in oak barrels, of which 36% were new.

Bottling Date: October 2014

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