

Idiom Cape Blend 2012

A velvety opulent wine made with the Cape's own grape Pinotage blended with noble varietals. Big, intriguing multi-layered aromas and flavours suggest black forest cake with notes of ripe raspberries and cherries. Velvety tannins and a lively finish are hallmarks of this wine.

variety : Pinotage | 43% Pinotage, 36% Cabernet sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot

winery : Idiom Wines

winemaker : Reino Thiart

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.53 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

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in the vineyard : Vineyard – Da Capo, Sir Lowry's Pass, Helderberg

Soils: Granite/Tukulu (decomposed granite)/Table Mnt. Sandstone

Aspect: Cab s – west Pinotage – south west Merlot - south & south west

Area: Cab s – 5.86 Pinotage – 4.5 Merlot – 8 Ha

Trellising: Vertical Shoot Positioning

Irrigation: Drip

Predominant wind: SE Summer/NW Winter

Date of planting: Cab s – 2000 Pinotage – 2001 & 2002 Merlot – 1999

Clones: Cab s – 46C & 1631, 15M, 169AX Pinotage – PI245 & PI148A Merlot – MO343 & MO12, MO181 & MO192, MO3.

about the harvest: Balling at picking: 24.5° - 25.9°B

in the cellar : All the different grapes spent 5 days on cold maceration, where after it was fermented in stainless steel tanks at optimal temperatures of between 22° - 28° C. Here after malolactic fermentation took place on wood staves in stainless steel tanks. The wine were then matured separately for 10 months in 45% new 225L French and American oak, before being blended and left to marry for a further 2 - 4 months.

