

Mellasat White Pinotage 2016

The world's first White Pinotage - "The paradox of this wine is that the eye belies the other senses! Making white wine from red grapes using South Africa's unique Pinotage grape. Whole bunch pressing prevented the juice from obtaining colour from the skins. Barrel fermented and matured for eleven months with lees stirring gives this wine a slightly creamy, nutty character to balance the tropical fruit and banana flavours."

Food pairing suggestions include strong flavoured fish and seafood, mild curries such as bobotie and chicken korma, and some Asian foods.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : Dekkersvlei Wine Estate

winemaker : Mellasat Vineyards

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 12.59 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.43

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : VINEYARD LOCATION: On the farm Dekkersvlei in Klein Drakenstein near Paarl at 254 metres above sea level br /VINE AGE: 17 yearsbr /SOIL: Decomposed Granitebr /AVERAGE YIELD: 9.87 tonnes per hectarebr /IRRIGATION: The vines are trellised with drip irrigation

in the cellar : Making white wine from red grapes using South Africa's unique Pinotage grape! Whole bunch pressed immediately after picking prevented the juice from obtaining colour from the skins. Barrel fermented and matured for eleven months with lees stirring for that slightly creamy and nutty character, but also exuding tropical fruit flavours.

