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Spier Creative Block 8 2014

Dark, intense colour with youthful brightness. A dense concentration of fruit precedes delicate spicy aromas that lead onto cool vanilla notes. The wine is young and filled with fruit infusions similar to black forest cake, truffle and marzipan. A remarkable wine that develops with dense, firm tannins that benefit from decanting.

Slow cooked stew with root vegetables and a hint of truffle oil.

variety : Pinotage | 30% Pinotage, 26% Shiraz, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Mourvèdre, 2% Cabernet Franc & 1% Viognier
winery : Spier Wine Farm
winemaker : Johan Jordaan
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 14.7 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.59 **ta :** 5.64 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard :
14-20 year old vines planted on a vertical trellis system to allow for easy foliage management to have a good balance of leaves to ensure exposure to the sun and slow development of the fruit to ensure phenolic ripeness at lower sugar levels.The vines are 7 - 40 km from the cold Atlantic ocean and have average temperatures of9 - 19 °C during winter and 13 – 29 °C for the summer with an average annual rainfall of 450 mm.

in the cellar :
This Cape blend of 8 varieties includesPinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Petit Verdot, Cinsaut, Cabernet Franc and Malbec.All the grapes were harvested and sorted, individually, fermented and aged separately for 16 months in a combination of French oak barrels with 50% first fill and the balance second fill.

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