

De Waal Top of the Hill Pinotage 2015

Ink-dark coloured wine with great concentration, intense black fruit and complexity. A well-structured wine with a rich middle palate and a long, lingering finish.

A fantastic food pairing to Venison (Springbok and Kudu), an Oxtail Pot and matured Gruyere Cheese.

variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

winery : De Waal Wines

winemaker : Daniel de Waal

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 12.67 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.89 ta : 3.9 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Huge **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage wines consistently receive 4½ and 5 stars in John Platter's Wine Guide, it was awarded WINE magazine Pinotage Champion and have received Double Gold medals at the Veritas Awards on numerous occasions.

Chosen by European Gourmet journalist, Francesca Negri, in her Italian book in 2016 "1001 Wines to Enjoy once in a Lifetime"

ageing : Great ageing potential for 10 - 12 years.

Good to know: De Waal is one of only 10 producers who have received the ABSA Top 10 Award six times or more.....

in the vineyard : **Age of Vineyard: 68 years - oldest Pinotage vines in SA!**

Location of Vineyard: 1 ha on warmer north facing slopes

Soil Type: Gravel & loam

Root Stock: R 99

Method of Trellising: Bush vines.

about the harvest: Harvest Date: 17 February 2015

Sugar level at Harvest: 24° B

Yield per Hectare: 2 tonnes per hectare.

in the cellar : Fermentation & Maceration Period: 14 days

Cellar Maturation: 18 months 225-litre French barriques (100% new)

Bottling Date: December 2017

Market Release Date: February 2018

