

Hidden Valley Pinotage 2000

Dark mulberry in colour with cherries, ripe banana and luscious sweet berry fruit aromas. These follow through to the palate to give a full, rich powerful mouth feel.

variety : Pinotage | Pinotage

winery :

winemaker : Jeremy Walker

wine of origin : Devon Valley

analysis : alc : 14.42 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.70 ta : 5.0 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

John Platter 2001 - 4.5 Stars

ageing : This full-bodied, finely balanced wine with firm ripe tannins will benefit from bottle maturation of 6 to 8 years from vintage.

in the vineyard : The grapes for the Hidden Valley 2000 Pinotage were selected from a 33 year old vineyard located in Devon Valley. The vineyard was purchased by Dave Hidden in 1995. The name Hidden Valley is derived from the owner's name and location of the farm. Total extent of this farm is 23 hectares - the Pinotage vineyard is about 6 hectares on a fairly steep south-west facing slope.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked in Mid February 2000 into small lug baskets and transported to Grangehurst Winery for destalking and crushing by well-known vintner, Jeremy Walker.

in the cellar : The mash was fermented in open red fermenters ("kuipe"), with regular punching through of the skins until dry, at a temperature of 30°C. After pressing, the free-run and press wines were blended and pumped into 225lt French and American oak barrels and matured for 13 months. It was then racked out of the barrels and bottled in October 2001. A total of 22 000 bottles were produced.

