

## Spier Creative Block 8 2017

A dense concentration of fruit precedes delicate spicy aromas that lead to cool vanilla notes. The palate offers Black Forest cake, red and black berries and some sweet cherries and dried cranberry. The dense, firm tannins will benefit from decanting. Dark, intense colour with a youthful brightness.

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

**variety :** Pinotage | 36% Pinotage, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 18% Shiraz, 1% Cinsaut, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

**winery :** Spier Wine Farm

**winemaker :** Johan Jordaan

**wine of origin :** Coastal Region

**analysis :** alc : 14.48 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 5.6 g/l

**type :** Red **wooded**

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

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**in the vineyard :** Gentle slopes of weathered shale and decomposed granite on clay sub soil with great water retention. The vines are 7 to 40 km from the cold Atlantic Ocean and have average temperatures of 9° – 19 °C during winter and 13° – 29 °C for the summer with an average annual rainfall of ±450 mm.

15- to 21-year-old vines planted on a vertical trellis system ensures effective foliage management that ensures a correct balance of leaves to allow for slower sugar accumulation and optimal development of fruit aromas and colour intensity

**about the harvest:** Each varietal was harvested by hand.

**in the cellar :** Grapes were sorted and fermented individually to develop the true character of the grape. Separate ageing was done for 16 months in 300-litre French oak barrels (30% first fill, 40% second fill and 30% in third fill). After blending, the spent 2 more months to integrate before bottling.



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