

## Neethlingshof The Owl Post Pinotage 2022

Colour: Deep ruby

Bouquet: Aromas of black plum, raspberry, mulberry, dark chocolate with subtle white pepper and smoke.

Palate: Deep and enticing flavours of black plum and cherry with undertones of mocha and toasted coconut. Long, structured, earthy finish with layers of complexity.

Excellent served with venison, oxtail or osso buco, or malay curry. Hard cheese like cheddar or Gruyere make a good match or vegetarian dishes like aubergines or baked artichoke, grilled portabello mushrooms and dark leafy greens. And for dessert, a dark chocolate truffle cake.

**variety** : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery** : Neethlingshof Wine Estate

**winemaker** : De Wet Viljoen

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 13.78 % vol   rs : 3.7 g/l   pH : 3.59   ta : 5.9 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry   **body** : Full   **taste** : Fragrant   **wooded**   **vegetarian**

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

**ageing** : Ready to enjoy now but will mature well over the next 10 years.

**in the vineyard** : Dryland vines established in deep red Tukulu soils, rich in organic material that amply feeds the roots. Planted in 1997 on west-facing slopes, 120m above sea level. The vines are grafted onto nematode and phylloxera resistant rootstock, Richter 110 and are trellised on a five-wire system.

**about the harvest**: The grapes were harvested in early March, at 28.2° Balling, yielding around 10 tons/ha.

**in the cellar** : After destalking and crushing, yeast was added to the mash and fermentation commenced in stainless steel tanks. While the juice was still fermenting, a portion was transferred to 300-litre oak barrels (25% Hungarian, 30% French, 40% American) where it completed fermentation. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation. After some lees contact the wine was raked and returned into the barrels for further aging. Total maturation time was for a period of 20 months.



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