

## Neethlingshof The Owl Post Pinotage 2024

Deep and enticing flavours of plum, black cherry with undertones of tobacco and cedar. Fine and chalky tannins with a long, structured, earthy finish adding 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 :** Western Cape

**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:** Grapes were harvested in late February to early March at 25.9°, yielding around 10 tons/ha

**in the cellar :** After destalking and crushing, the mash was cold soaked for a short period before fermentation was started using a selected pure yeast culture in rotation tanks at 25°C to 27°C. Fermentation took 8 to 10 days to complete, after which the wine was drained, and the skins were pressed. Following lees contact, all wine was racked and returned to barrels for further ageing. The wine was matured in 300L oak barrels for 14 to 16 months, in a composition of French, American and Hungarian barrels of which 50% was new and the remainder second – and third-fill barrels.



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