

## Spier Private Collection Pinotage 2001

Veritas 2003 - Silver

Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2003 - Silver

Platter Wine Guide 2004 - 4 Stars

International Wine Challenge 2004 - Gold

The wine is ruby red in colour with plummy purple tones on the edge. Ripe berry flavours are complemented by vanilla and coffee undertones. A soft, mouth-filling wine with almost sweet fruitiness that lingers on the palate.

The Pinotage grape is unique to South Africa and this wine is especially recommended with gammon, duck and venison.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Spier Wine Farm

**winemaker :** Frans Smit

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.68 % vol   rs : 3.6 g/l   pH : 3.7   ta : 5.3 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **body :** Full   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

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**ageing :** Enjoy now, or within the next year.

**in the vineyard :** Average temperature - Summer 23.5Â°C, Winter 10Â°C

Annual rainfall: 650 mm

Proximity to ocean: 20 km

Soil: Deep Hutton

12-year-old bush- and trellised vines planted in slightly sloped, south- and southeast-facing sites yielded the grapes for this wine. The vineyards received supplementary irrigation and produced 7 tons per hectare.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were picked at 26Â° Balling in mid-February.

**in the cellar :** The juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks as well as oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred in the barrels. The wine was blended with 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. 80% portion of the wine was matured in French oak, and the rest in tight grain American oak barrels for 14 months.



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