

## DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage 2001

Ink dark wine with intense flavours of rich black plum fruit, cigars, dark chocolate and spiciness.

**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** De Waal Wines

**winemaker :** Daniël de Waal

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.0 % vol    rs : 1.8 g/l    pH : 3.51    ta : 6.1 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle

The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage is made from a more than 50-year-old single vineyard and only in those years that Daniel de Waal deems it exceptional quality. Three previous vintages (1996, 1997 and 2000) have been worthy of this honour and all three have received the ABSA Top 10 Pinotage award. The Top-of-the-Hill Pinotage wines also boast with 4½ and 5 stars in John Platter's Wine Guide and was awarded WINE Magazine Pinotage Champion.

**ageing :** 10 - 20 years

**in the vineyard :** Location: On warmer north facing slopes

Soil Type: Gravel & loam

Age of Vines: ± 55 years

Rootstock: R 99

Trellising: Bushvines

**about the harvest:** Sugar level at Harvest: 25° Balling

Yield: 3.5 tons / hectare

**in the cellar :** Length of Fermentation & Maceration: 14 days

Cellar Barrel Maturation: 20 months 225-litre French barriques (100% new)

Bottling Date: July 2002

Market Release Date: November 2002

