



PAINTED *wolf* WINES

The Den, Pinotage 2010

Tasting notes

A juicy fruit packed smooth wine with a smorgasbord of red and black summer berries, warm spice and toasty wood flavors. The wine has a lovely silky texture and a long smooth finish.

The Vineyards

The grapes for this wine have been harvested from three vineyards, Kasteelsig in the Swartland and Leeuwenkuil in Agter Paarl and Southern Cross in the Simondium region of Paarl. Southern Cross is a site with granite soils whilst the other two sites have similar shale soils. None of the blocks from which the grapes have been sourced is irrigated. Grapes have been hand picked.

Winemaking

The bulk of the Pinotage was destalked and fermented in tanks with staves. Malolactic and maturation was completed on staves. The remaining Pinotage was fermented in small open fermenters and hand punched. It was pressed straight into wood and completed malolactic fermentation in barrel.

Filtration and fining: The wine has been fined with egg white and been sterile filtered

Length of barrel maturation: Pinotage 12 months, Malbec 18 months

Varietal composition: Pinotage 95% – Malbec 5%

Appellation: Coastal (Swartland and Paarl)

Food Suggestions

Pinotage is the best possible red wine in the world to pair with Mexican dishes such as Fajitas [<http://www.food24.com/Recipes/Sweet-and-spicy-fajita-20100916>] and Mole [<http://www.food24.com/Recipes/Mole-heaps-20091103>]. It is also great with Cabrillo. The wine likes cumin seeds, and smoky ancho chilli flavors. It is also very good with other flavorsome American regional specialties such as with Carolina Pulled Pork [<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/north-carolina-style-pulled-pork/Detail.aspx>] and smoky Texas B.B.Q beef rib [<http://www.inuyaki.com/archives/10>].

Wine Analysis

- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Residual Sugar: 3.2g/l
- Total Acid: 5.2g/l
- Ph: 3.56
- Free/Total Sulphur: 29/65

Awards and Accolades:

Runner-Up – ABSA Top 10 Pinotage Competition 2012

Silver medal – Old Mutual Trophy wine Awards 2012

Silver medal – La Selection wine competition 2012 Switzerland

4 stars – Classic Wine mag June 2012

3 stars – Platter 2011

Silver medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2011

87 points – Wine Enthusiast 2011

Commended – International Wine Challenge 2014

Bronze medal – Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2013



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