



PAINTED *Wolf* WINES

The Pack, 'Guillermo' Pinotage 2012 Swartland

Tasting notes

An intense, rich wine packed with flavours of ripe blueberry and mulberry, exotic spice and creamy vanilla with evident ripe tannins and a long lingering finish.

The Vineyard

Organically certified Pinotage grapes were sourced from the Kasteelsig vineyard which is owned by Painted Wolf Pack members Billy (Guillermo) and Penny Hughes. The site is primarily red Glenrosa soil with some Oakleaf - both shale rich duplex soils and these vines are not irrigated. Kasteelsig supplies grapes for some of South Africa's top boutique wines. Yields are around 8 tons to the hectare.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand picked into small baskets and taken to the cellar where they were hand sorted, destaked and gently crushed. The wine fermented with a mixture of natural and commercial yeasts in small open fermentation bins with 4 to 6 punch downs per day. Before the wine was totally dry, we pressed and placed it in oak barrels to complete alcoholic and malolactic fermentation. The wine matured in a mixture of French, Hungarian and American oak barrels for roughly 12 months, approximately 50% new wood.

8812 bottles have been produced.

Ageing potential

This wine drinks well as a young wine, but will improve gaining additional complexity for at least 6 to 8 years from vintage.

Blend information

100% Pinotage

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%
Residual Sugar 2.5g
Total Acid 5.7g/l
Ph 3.51

Awards & Accolades

Finalist Diners Club Winemaker of the Year 2015
John Platter Guide 4*
Robert Parker Wine Advocate 89 points
Commended International Wine Challenge 2015
National Wine Challenge/Top100 wines 2016 - Double Silver
Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2016 - Bronze

Food Suggestions

This is a super food wine and pairs well with a lot of deeply flavoured dishes. It does well with exotic flavours and I would happily push out the boat and serve the wine with such exotic confections as Peking duck, Sticky sweet and sour pork belly, braised beef shanks with polenta and gremolata, wild mushroom risotto or Mexican style ostrich mole.

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