



2009 PINOTAGE

Background

Tradition and talent blend with passion, precision and patience at Nederburg, where classically structured wines are made with vibrant fruit flavours. Nederburg's hallmark combination of fruit and finesse continues to be rewarded around the world. The winery was awarded the trophy for the most successful producer on the Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show in both 2009 and 2008, and produced the winning Shiraz in the 2009 Syrah du Monde in France, as well as in the 2008 Lexus WINE Shiraz Challenge. Nederburg is frequently honoured in the Tri-Nations Wine Challenge, involving New Zealand and Australia. It also performs extremely well at the annual Veritas Awards (in 2009 winning the second highest number of double gold and gold medals), as well as the Michelangelo International Wine Awards. It has earned trophies, gold medals and best-in-class ratings on the annual International Wine & Spirit Competition in London, bringing home two trophies in 2009. Two of the cellar's wines are also rated five stars in the 2010 edition of the Platter's South African Wine guide. These are just some of the many accolades earned by Nederburg where hand-crafted, micro-cuvées for specialist wine-lovers and beautifully balanced and accessible wines for everyday enjoyment are made with equal commitment.

Nederburg is exported to key global markets in the UK, Europe, North America and Australasia, where it is steadily building a presence and reputation for elegantly styled wines with fruit-rich flavours. Its growing success is the result of an extensive infrastructure that includes ongoing viticultural research, implementation of pioneering vineyard practices, sourcing of top-quality grapes; major investment in cellar facilities and an international marketing and distribution network.

Razvan Macici heads the team as Nederburg cellar master. He is supported by two winemakers who work closely under his direction. They are Wilhelm Pienaar, who produces the red wines and Tariro Masayiti, who makes the whites.

The Winemaster's Reserve Collection

Nederburg's core super-premium wines are accommodated in The Winemaster's Reserve ensemble, named to honour the long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classic wines treasure the integrity of our grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every glass demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

This wine is made entirely from Pinotage grapes.

The vineyards (viticulturist: Dricus Heyns)

The grapes were sourced from vineyards in and around the Western Cape. Planted between 1990 and 1998, the vines are grown in decomposed granite, Kroonstad and Swartland soils. The vineyards are situated on south to south-westerly facing slopes, some 80m to 150m above sea level. Grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstocks Richter 99, 110 and 101-114, the vines receive supplementary irrigation from an overhead sprinkler system. Yields averaged between 8 and 10 tons per hectare.

The winemaking

The grapes were harvested by hand and machine at 23° to 24,5° Balling from the end of January to mid-February. They were crushed and cool-fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 25°C to 28°C for approximately two weeks. After malolactic fermentation the wine was matured in second- and third-fill oak barrels for a period of 8 to 12 months.

Winemaker Wilhelm Pienaar	Palate A full mouthfeel with rich fruit flavours, soft tannins and a lingering aftertaste.	Alcohol 13,86%
Colour Ruby red	Food suggestions Excellent served with pasta, pizza, roast leg of lamb, bobotie and even chocolate.	Residual sugar 4,45 grams/litre
Bouquet An abundance of plums and prunes with a hint of banana and slight oak spices in the background.	pH 3,61	Acidity 5,48 grams/litre

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