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BEAUMONT

Pinotage 2004

Tasting Notes

Intense, plummy red berry fruits with an elegant fruit-driven palate backed by rich grainy tannins and a warm, firmly structured finish.

89 points for '03 vintage, Steve Tanzer "Aromas of plum, raspberry, cedar, iron and mint. Sweet, supple and fat with fruit, offering lovely inner-mouth aromatic character. Very ripe but not flat. An excellant pinotage, in an updated classic style. Finishes with big but ripe tannins and lingering sweetness."

the Estate & this Vineyard

The Beaumont family live, grow grapes and make their wine on the historic farm known as Compagnes Drift, which was once an outpost for the Dutch East India Company in the 1700s. Just over an hour southeast of Cape Town near the coastal village of Hermanus, the farm is a mere five, open miles from the cool southern Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Near the mountain source of Bot River, they benefit from gently sloping land of ancient Bokkeveld Shale - a duplex of gravelly topsoil with a clay subsoil. On the southern face of the Stellenbosch Mountains, the area is considered a 'cool climate'.

Jayne and Raoul Beaumont began to call this charming farm 'home' in 1973, tending the chenin and pinotage vines. They made their own wine - a pinotage - for the first time in 1993. The wine received critical acclaim and started the family along this passionate adventure.

Winemaking

The grapes are from 80% low yielding old block vineyards and are hand-picked at optimum ripeness: a ripeness assessed by Sebastian in the vineyard tasting grapes and seeds. Harvest was between early February to late March. The wine is fermented in open cement tanks with regular manual punch downs to create a well-structured wine with ripe tannins. The wine matured for 14 months in 75% French oak barrels, 25% American and of the total, 35% were new.

Analysis

Varietal	Pinotage 100%	alcohol	14.29%
Maturation	Oak barrels	residual sugar	2.7 g/l
Appellation	Bot River, Walker Bay, South Africa	total acidity	5.6 g/l
Production	2200 (12x750ml)	pH	3.61

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