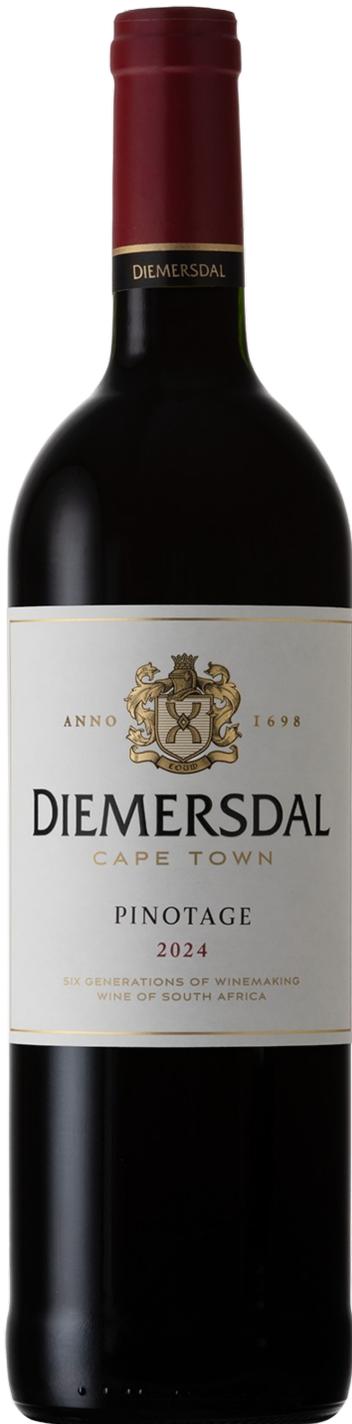


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Diemersdal Pinotage 2024



Origin: Cape Town, South Africa

Blend: 100% Pinotage

Analysis:

Alc:	14.23%
Total Acid:	5.4 g/l
RS:	3.2 g/l
pH:	3.60

Viticulture:

Yield:	10-14 t/ha
Trellising:	4 wire Perold
Age of vines:	12-27 years

Terroir:

The vines are rooted in deep red Hutton soils on north-facing slopes, catching the southerly breezes of summer and the frontal winds that punish the Cape from the north in winter. Cool growing conditions on exposed aspects, as well as the practise of dryland farming, sees the fruit develop slowly, drawing maximum variety expression on the vine. The result is tight bunches of small berries, ideal for making wines of structure, elegance and refinement.

Oenology:

The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness. Fermentation in open-fermenters for 5-7 days at 26°C to 28°C. Punch through every 4 hours pressed at 5^g Balling. 100% MLF completed spontaneously in tanks before the wine was transferred for ageing on alternative French oak.

Maturation:

14 months on French oak staves.

Winemaker's notes:

This wine shows a complex nose of red fruits, vanilla, exotic spices, and rich dark chocolate aromas. The palate is full flavoured and smoothly textured with oriental spice, chocolate and roasted banana flavours. Our Pinotage is ready to drink, but will also benefit for another 5 years' cellaring.

Food suggestions:

Lamb-knuckle or oxtail stew with sun-dried tomatoes