



Painted Wolf

The Den Pinotage 2014

Wine Maker: Jeremy Borg

Appellation: Coastal Region (Swartland & Stellenbosch)

Varietal: Pinotage

Yields per Acre: 4 t/acre

Cases Produced: 3,800

Wood treatment: 10 months. 70% in tank with long US and French oak staves- 20% in 2nd fill French oak barrels, 10% in old wood.



Alcohol: 14%

Total Acid: 5.2

pH: 3.56

Residual Sugar: 3.2

Free/Total Sulfur: 29/65

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Viticultural Practices: Swartland Pinotage off unirrigated vineyards- very minimal almost organic viticulture

Winemakers Notes: Grapes picked ripe, crushed and fermented in tank with staves. – The barrels component was hand punched in small fermenter, pressed off in a basket press before being run directly into barrel. The Den is a luscious, fruit packed and fullbodied - a social wine to enjoy.

Food Accompaniments: Pinotage is the best possible red wine in the world for to pair with Mexican dishes such as Fajitas and Mole. It is also great with Cabrillo. The wine likes cumin seeds, and smoky ancho chili flavors. It is also very good other flavorsome American regional specialties such as with Carolina pulled pork and smoky Texas B.B.Q. beef rib.

Score(s): 87 pts Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate (NM) - The 2014 The Den Pinotage has a pleasant mulberry and iodine-scented nose that is clean and fresh, perhaps one you might describe as "commercially savvy." The palate is medium-bodied with chewy black fruit laced with melted tar, Provençal herbs and fennel, leading to a nicely poised finish. This is a fine Pinotage from Painted Wolf.