

Tulbagh Shiraz Pinotage 2012

Country South Africa

Region Tulbagh

This hidden valley, some three hours north of Cape Town, right off the beaten track, is enclosed within high hills and mountains and has a very warm climate and low rainfall. Increasingly recognised as an area in which premium red grape varieties thrive when cultivated under stricter viticultural practices, leading to lower yields but higher quality grapes. A number of fantastic wines have emerged recently and captured the attention of the press. This has encouraged many producers to make much better wines for the international market.

Producer Tulbagh Winery

Founded in 1906 this is the oldest co-operative in South Africa. Today, it is one of the smallest co-operatives but with under 30 members who are focused on producing quality rather than volume, this winery has produced a attractive range of warm and robust wines with an underlying but distinctive signature. Recent re-branding has brought the packaging bang up to date to meet the demands of today's wine consumer.

Tasting (Long) An intense almost black colour with berry fruit, spice and smoky aromas followed by ripe plum, hints of coffee and chocolate. The palate is restrained, medium weight with dark cherry flavours, silky tannins and a hint of oak.

Tasting (Short) Impressive dark cherry colour with berry fruit, spice and smoky aromas, medium weight with dark cherry flavours, silky tannins and a hint of oak.

Serving Suggestion Serve with steak, stews, roasted guinea fowl, venison or ostrich.

Type Red

Style Fruity

Oaked Style Unoaked

Body Style Full bodied

Dry / Sweet Style Dry

Alcohol Content (%) 13.5

Closure Style Screw Cap

Organic / Biodynamic Normal

Grape Varieties Percentage

Shiraz 70%

Pinotage 30%

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