

MICHAEL VAUGHAN'S SCORING OF THE ABSA TOP TEN PINOTAGE COMPETITION

It is difficult to marry personal scores with those of the **ABSA TOP TEN PINOTAGE**. First, let me point out that the judges do not know the final scores of the 10 top wines. We do know, however, that the top scoring 37 finalists were tasted on the final day. We also know which wines made it into the top 10 as well as the top 20. I have indicated which of my medal winning wines were in the top ten (1-10), between 11 and 20 and, finally, between 21 and 37. Clearly some of my choices, including three potential gold medal winners, didn't make it to the finals (Diemersfontein 2005 Pinotage, Hill & Dale 2004 Pinotage and Allee Bleue 2004 Pinotage). Also, based on my scoring, I did not award any medal to two of the ABSA Top Ten (Devon Hill 2002 Pinotage and Klein Tulbagh Reserve 2003 Pinotage). Also, I did not award any medal to 10 of the 37 finalists tasted on the last day.

Scoring: What I have done is arbitrarily awarded anything with **18 or more points** out of 20 points (in the initial and/or final tasting) a **GOLD MEDAL**. All wines which received 17 or more points (but under 18 points) were awarded **SILVER**. While anything receiving 16 or more points (but under 17 points) were awarded **BRONZE**. To the extent that 37 wines were tasted twice, where there was a discrepancy between the two tasting scores that transcended one point, that wine would be awarded the average of the two scores.

The results are:

- 6 Gold Medals (18 or more points)
- 14 Silver Medals (17 and higher but less than 18)
- 12 Bronze Medals (16 and higher but less than 17)

My top scoring wine is the Diemersfontein 2003 Carpe Diem Pinotage

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Top 10	11 - 20	21 - 37	Name of Wine	Producer	Medal
X			Diemersfontein Carpe Diem 2003 Pinotage	(Diemersfontein Wines)	Gold
X			Manley Estate Wine 2004 Pinotage	(Manley Private Cellar)	Gold
	X		Wildeckrans Estate Wine 2003 Pinotage	(Wildeckrans Wine Estate)	Gold
		X	Wildeckrans Estate Wine 2004 Pinotage	(Wildeckrans Wine Estate)	Gold
			Diemersfontein 2005 Pinotage	(Diemersfontein Wines)	Gold
			Allee Bleue 2004 Pinotage	(Allee Bleue Wines)	Gold
			Hill & Dale 2004 Pinotage	(Hill & Dale)	Gold
X			Stellenzicht Golden Triangle 2003 Pinotage	(Stellenzicht)	Silver
X			Longridge 2003 Pinotage	(Winecorp)	Silver
X			Simonsig Redhill 2003 Pinotage	(Simonsig)	Silver
	X		Moreson 2004 Pinotage	(Moreson)	Silver
	X		L'Avenir Estate Wine 2004 Pinotage	(L'Avenir Estate)	Silver
	X		Boland Kelder Winemakers' Selection 2004 Pinotage	(Boland Wingerde Internasionaal)	Silver
	X		Spier Private Collection 2003 Pinotage	(Winecorp)	Silver
		X	Fleur du Cap 2003 Pinotage	(Distell)	Silver
		X	Hartenberg Estate Wine 2003 Pinotage	(Hartenberg Estate)	Silver
		X	Beaumont 2003 Pinotage	(Beaumont Wines)	Silver
			Beyerskloof Reserve 2004 Pinotage	(Beyerskloof Wines)	Silver
			Viljoendrift River Grandeur 2004 Pinotage	(Viljoensdrift)	Silver
			Kanonkop Estate Wine 2002 Pinotage	(Kanonkop Wynlandgoed)	Silver
X			La Cave 2004 Pinotage	(Wamakersvallei Wynkelder)	Bronze
X			Kanonkop Estate Wine 2003 Pinotage	(Kanonkop Wynlandgoed)	Bronze
X			Somerbosch 2004 Pinotage	(Somerbosch Wines)	Bronze
	X		Fairview 2004 Pinotage	(Fairview)	Bronze
	X		Pulpit Rock 2004 Pinotage	(Pulpit Rock Wynkelder)	Bronze
	X		Clos Malverne Reserve 2002 Pinotage	(Clos Malverne)	Bronze
	X		Villiera 2003 Pinotage	(Villiera Wines)	Bronze
	X		Jacobsdal Estate Wine 2002 Pinotage	(Jacobsdal Estate)	Bronze
		X	Altydgedacht Estate Wine 2002 Pinotage	(Altydgedacht Estate)	Bronze
		X	Jacobsdal Estate Wine 2001 Pinotage	(Jacobsdal Estate)	Bronze
		X	PK Morkel Bellevue Estate Wine 2003 Pinotage	(Bellevue Landgoed)	Bronze
		X	Spice Route Flagship 2002 Pinotage	(Spice Route)	Bronze
X			Klein Tulbagh Reserve 2003 Pinotage	(Tulbagh Winery)	—
X			Devon Hill 2002 Pinotage	(Devon Hill Winery)	—