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## ELGIN ON THE RISE – SA'S TOP PINOTAGE AND MORE

You have probably never heard of **Spioenkop Wines** in Elgin. Koen Roos and his wife Lore planted vines some eight years ago, but historically most of their wine has been exported to their homeland, Belgium. Their unconventional approach to wine-growing, combined with naturally low-yielding vines on ridiculously rocky soils, is producing some of **SA's most exciting wines**. [Read here](#) for a full write-up on our Wine Cellar visit.

'**Crazy Koen**', as he is known in the conservative Elgin Valley, exudes dramatic passion and spends most of his time working the vineyards himself. Those seeking textbook upfront fruit, sweetness and high alcohol will not enjoy the Spioenkop wines. His flagship Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc are classically lean and French in style, and yearn for ageing. **The 1900 Pinotage is frankly the best expression of this variety I have ever tasted.** Closer to Pinot Noir in its elegance and red fruits (at 12.5% alcohol!), it expels the notion that Pinotage is always a rustic, banana-laced, jammy grape. Kudos to the Platter judges for awarding it five stars in the 2014 edition – a feat unmatched by any other Pinotage. There are only 300 bottles available.

The other Elginer making big waves, and our top maiden release late in 2013, is **Richard Kershaw** with his Clonal Chardonnay. The Master of Wine, and encyclopaedia on anything vinous, has produced an ethereal, refined and classic Chardonnay comparable to a top-flight Burgundy, but at a third of the price. We eagerly await his Syrah release.

Producer	Wine	Vintage	Price	Order
Spioenkop	1900 Pinotage (Platter 5 stars, limited)	2012	R 205	
Spioenkop	Sauvignon Blanc	2012	R 160	
Spioenkop	Riesling	2012	R 160	
Richard Kershaw	Chardonnay (Platter 5 stars)	2012	R 285	

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Vinous regards,  
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