

WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

# TESSELAARSDAL

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

## CHARDONNAY

2023

*Elegans pulchritude.*

*An elegant reflection of site, the 2023 Chardonnay delivering a bright and crystalline, with expressive aromatics of white citrus, limestone minerality. With a fresh and elegant finish.*

*Tesselaarsdal was founded in 2015 by long-standing Hamilton Russell Vineyards employee, Berene Sauls. This wine is named after the historic Overberg farming hamlet of Tesselaarsdal, not far from the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge wine appellation. It was in this valley that Berene was born, a descendant of the freed slaves who were bequeathed the land by the widow of former Dutch East India Company soldier, Johannes Tesselaar, in 1832.*



ALC	13.29%
ACID /	7.3
PH	3.40
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1.9
AMPHORAE AGEING	5 months, 45% amphorae and balance neutral oak
YIELD	6 tons/ha
PRODUCTION	824.91 cases
FRUIT ORIGIN	Hemel-en-aarde Ridge, La Vierge Babylon Vineyards (unirrigated)
RELEASED	March 2024

A very challenging 2023 harvest, but thankfully with all grapes in before the rains in March, This did not have a negative effect as the vines received natural irrigation which helped decrease the effect of water stress levels on the vines allowing them to function better and allow optimal functionality for the ripening period.

The vineyards had even budburst and the initial growth was also even, mainly due to higher than normal maximum and minimum temperatures during September. Grape quality was very favourable leading to an exceptional vintage. The Season's length, coolness and reduced yields have made for a great quality harvest

*Berene*

BERENE SAULS, OWNER



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