

WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

TESSELAARSDAL

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

PINOT NOIR

2015

An aromatic and fine Pinot Noir with sweet red cherry fruit, white pepper and a hint of ginger on the nose. The palate is silky and fine with supple red cherry fruit. Restrained sophistication, superb structure and balanced acidity make for a wine which will age elegantly.

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



ALC / ACID / PH	12.90% / 5.9 / 3.46
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1.5
BARREL AGEING	9.5 months
WOODING	100% 228 litre French oak barrels
TIGHT GRAIN	100%
FRENCH COOPERS	François Frères 50%, Mercurey 50%
MLF (FILLS)	1 st : 25% / 2 nd : 25% / 3 rd : 50%
YIELD	6 tons/ha
PRODUCTION	100.16 cases
FRUIT ORIGIN	Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, La Vierge Vineyards (100% unirrigated)
RELEASED	February 2016

This was an extraordinary vintage, quite unlike anything we have experienced before. The harvest was two weeks early, completed in four weeks (instead of our customary seven), the result of a combination of lower-than-average rainfall and greater sunlight intensity. The grapes were extremely healthy, with thick skins and unusually low juice content. Full ripeness was achieved surprisingly quickly, despite the lower-than-average maximum temperatures during the crucial December to March period. This makes 2015 surprisingly cooler than the celebrated 2013, 2012 and 2009 vintages, yet the resulting wines are fuller and more sumptuous and concentrated.

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