

WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

TESSELAARSDAL

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

PINOT NOIR

2020

A pretty wine with a translucent fresh cherry colour and a nose of lifted cherry fruits and almost bready aromatics. A beautiful line of acidity lifts the fruit while the almost impossibly soft and silky tannins melt effortlessly into the languid finish. An understated Pinot Noir of deep, hidden power.

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 / ACID / PH	13.10% / 5.5 / 3.45
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1.9
BARREL AGEING	9.5 months
WOODING	100% 228 L Tight Grain French oak
MLT	100%
FRENCH COOPERS	François Frères 100%
OAK	1 st : 35% / 2 nd : 29% / 3 rd : 29% / 4 th : 7%
YIELD	6 tons/ha
PRODUCTION	344.75 cases
FRUIT ORIGIN	Hemel-en-aarde Ridge, La Vierge Vineyards (100% unirrigated)
RELEASED	February 2021

The 2020 harvest season had a fair amount of rain falling before the grapes started to ripen—natural irrigation that helped decrease stress levels on the vines, allowing them to function optimally during the ripening period. The post-harvest period in 2019 was cool, which contributed towards leaf fall occurring later and a good accumulation of reserves for vines to mature grapes. Spring was characterised by higher-than-normal minimum and maximum temperatures which resulted in even budburst and initial growth. The warmer, drier weather conditions that followed increased soil temperatures and root activity significantly. Overall conditions during the flowering and berry set period were much better than 2019's extreme temperature fluctuations.

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