

WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

TESSELAARSDAL

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

PINOT NOIR

2021

One of the best vintages to date, the 2021 Pinot Noir classically displays the pristine fruit from the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. This wine reveals notes of red cherries, cranberries and raspberries combined with hints of nutmeg and clove spices. We are proud to release this elegant, age-worthy wine.

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	13.42% / 5.1 / 3.46
RESIDUAL SUGAR	2.0
BARREL AGEING	9.5 months
WOODING	100% 228 L French oak
TIGHT GRAIN	100% (MLT 34%, medium 26%, blonde 40%)
FRENCH COOPERS	François Frères 100%
OAK	1 st : 34% / 2 nd : 33% / 3 rd : 29% / 4 th : 7%
YIELD	6 tons/ha
PRODUCTION	344.44 cases
FRUIT ORIGIN	Hemel-en-aarde Ridge, La Vierge Vineyards (100% unirrigated)
RELEASED	February 2022

The 2021 growing season had a fair amount of rain falling before the grapes started to ripen. This did not have a negative effect as the natural irrigation helped to reduce stress levels on the vines, allowing them to function optimally during the ripening period. The accumulation of cold units in the early winter was fantastic for breaking dormancy. Winter rainfall was lower than in the previous season but still sufficient to replenish soil profiles. 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.

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