

WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

TESSELAARSDAL

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

PINOT NOIR

2022

Aluid magnum mustum.

The 2022 Pinot Noir displays a true reflection of fruit from the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. Layers of subtle notes of red cherries and raspberries with combined hints of cloves and baking spices. We proudly 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	12.99% / 5.2 / 3.51
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1.9
BARREL AGEING	9.5 months
WOODING	100% 228 L French oak 1st: 33% / 2nd: 23% / 3rd: 23% / 4th: 21%
TIGHT GRAIN	100%
YIELD	6 tons/ha
PRODUCTION	506.66 cases
FRUIT ORIGIN	Hemel-en-aarde Ridge, La Vierge Vineyards (100% unirrigated)
RELEASED	January 2023

The 2022 growing season was almost a week later than usual for Pinot Noir from the vineyards of La Vierge Babylon in the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. The average maximum temperatures for the months leading up to, and during harvest, was almost a degree higher than the long-term average of 25°C.

The ripening was slow and extended with the harvest being complete second week March. Winter saw the most rainfall since the maiden vintage of 2015, followed by a dry spring which made for even and healthy budding. This vintage delivered beautiful, pure fruit wines.

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