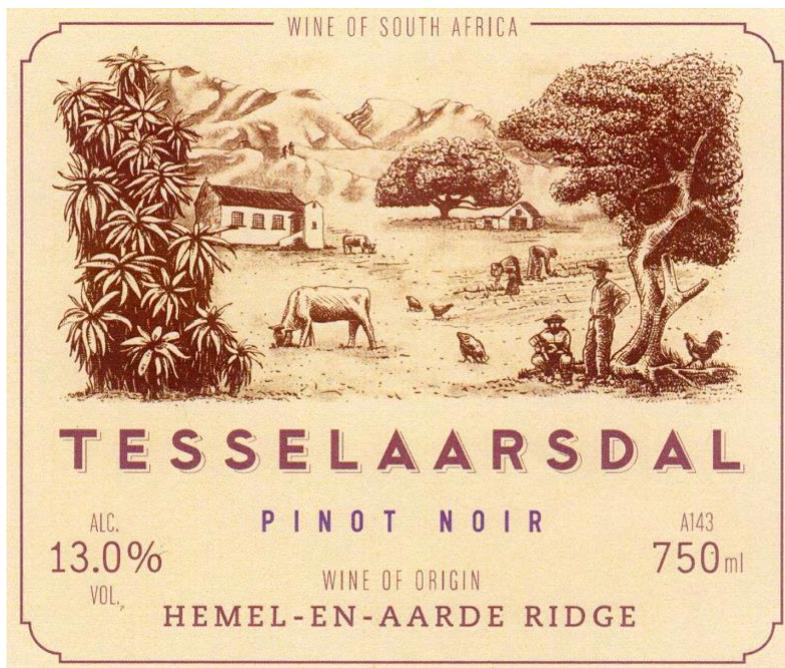


TESSELAARSDAL

PINOT NOIR 2020



ALCOHOL: 13.10%

ACID: 5.5

PH: 3.45

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.9

BARREL AGEING: 9.5 MONTHS

WOODING: 100% 228 LITRE FRENCH OAK BARRELS

TIGHT GRAIN: 100% (MLT 21%, MEDIUM 36%, BLONDE 43%)

FRENCH COOPERS:
FRANCOIS FRERES 100%,

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: 1ST FILL 35%, 2ND FILL 29%, 3RD FILL 29%, 4TH FILL 7%

YIELD: 6 TONS / HA

PRODUCTION: 344.75 CASES

FRUIT ORIGIN: HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE 100%, UN-IRRIGATED LA VIERGE VINEYARDS

RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 2021

GROWING SEASON

OVERVIEW – HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE

2020 HARVEST SEASON HAD ITS OWN CHALLENGES WITH A FAIR AMOUNT OF RAIN BEFORE THE GRAPES STARTED TO RIPEN. 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 POST-HARVEST PERIOD IN 2019 WAS COOL, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS LEAF FALL OCCURRING LATER AND GOOD ACCUMULATION OF RESERVES FOR VINES TO MATURE GRAPES. SPRING WAS CHARACTERISED BY HIGHER THAN NORMAL MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURES WHICH RESULTED IN EVEN BUDBURST AND INITIAL GROWTH. THE WARMER, DRIER WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT FOLLOWED INCREASED THE SOIL TEMPERATURES AS WELL AS THE ROOT ACTIVITY SIGNIFICANTLY. OVERALL CONDITIONS DURING THE FLOWERING AND BERRY SET PERIOD WERE MUCH BETTER THAN 2019 SEASON'S EXTREME TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS. 2020 WAS AN EXCELLENT VINTAGE DELIVERING HEALTHY GRAPES.

BACKGROUND

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, IN WHICH BERENE WAS BORN – A DESCENDANT OF THE FREED SLAVES WHO WERE BEQUEATHED THE LAND BY FORMER EAST INDIA COMPANY SETTLER, JOHANNES TESSELAAR IN 1810.

EXTREME CARE IS TAKEN TO ENSURE THIS SMALL-PRODUCTION, CLASSICALLY STYLED PINOT NOIR EXPRESSES THE PERSONALITY OF THE COOL, MARITIME, HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE FROM UNIRRIGATED VINES AND ITS ELEVATED, STONY, CLAY AND IRON-RICH SOILS.

WINE DESCRIPTION

THE 2020 PINOT NOIR EXPRESSES CLEAN AND LIFTED WILD RED FRUIT AND CRANBERRY AND RED PLUM AROMAS WITH HINTS OF BAKING SPICES AND CLOVES. INTRODUCING A LONG, GENTLE PALATE WITH A SAVOURY MINERALITY. THIS IS A GRACEFUL AND AGE-WORTHY WINE WITH AN ALMOST CRYSTALLINE PURITY.

TRADE PRICE R411.75 PER BOTTLE INCL VAT
CELLAR PRICE R549.00 PER BOTTLE INCL VAT

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