



## STORM WINES Ridge Pinot Noir 2016



### Country

South Africa

### Region

Western Cape

### Appellation

Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge

### Varietal Blend

100% Pinot Noir

### Winemaker

Hannes Storm

### Alcohol Content

13.89%

### Total Acidity

6.1 g/L

### Residual Sugar

2.9 g/L

### pH

3.42

### HISTORY

Hannes Storm has been the winemaker at Hamilton Russell Vineyards for 14 years. Hannes' own project, Storm Wines, is dedicated to handcraft the best possible Pinot Noir from two different vineyard appellations by honoring the fruit profile, vineyard site along with a Minimalistic approach using traditional methods. Storm's maiden vintage saw the light in 2012 and, after spending 18 months in bottle, the wines were released in 2014. With meticulous viticulture, minimal intervention in the cellar and a constant nod to the Old World, Hannes Storm creates wines with a warm personality and character.

### VITICULTURE and VINIFICATION

Ridge Pinot Noir hails from a cool, eastern slope in the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge with low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soil. The cool Atlantic Ocean's climate influence was beneficial in this warmer vintage, yielding small, concentrated bunches with high natural acidity. Grapes are cool harvested and crushed into open fermenters where they undergo cold maceration for up to 10 days. Spontaneous fermentation commences after 5 -10 days. Gentle daily punch downs, basket-pressed and left to settle in stainless steel vessels before transferred to 228L French oak barrels by gravity. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation occurs in barrels. No fining or filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine shows a marked elegance and is slightly more opulent and perfumy than the previous vintage. Floral scents, spice, red cherry and raspberry fruit, savory tannins and focused acidity.

### ACCOLADES

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