



## STORM WINES Vrede Pinot Noir 2020



### Country

South Africa

### Region

Western Cape

### Appellation

Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

### Varietal Blend

100% Pinot Noir

### Winemaker

Hannes Storm

### Alcohol Content

13.65%

### Total Acidity

5.7 g/L

### Residual Sugar

2.9 g/L

### pH

3.48

### 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

Vrede Pinot Noir hails from a steep, northeast-facing slope in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley with low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soil. Basket-pressed and native yeast-fermented wine. Harvest kicked off on the 31st of January - overall the 2019 calendar year was wetter than the previous dry years and cooler than that of the celebrated 2019 vintage. A standout feature of the vintage was phenolic ripeness at lower sugar levels which resulted in lower alcohol concentrations for the 2020 vintage. Low yields with tiny berries and light bunches produced an opulent and perfumy wine, slightly more so than the previous vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine builds complexity in the glass. Opulent, spicy and perfumed, with rose petal and violet aromas, fine acidity, considerable underlying grip, savory tannins and aging potential.

### ACCOLADES

90

Wine Spectator, 2022

92

Vinous, 2022

96

Tim Atkin MW, 2022

