



STORM WINES Ridge Chardonnay 2021



Country

South Africa

Region

Western Cape

Appellation

Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge

Varietal Blend

100% Chardonnay

Winemaker

Hannes Storm

Alcohol Content

13.27%

Total Acidity

7 g/L

Residual Sugar

2.9 g/L

pH

3.2

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/VINIFICATION

Ridge Chardonnay hails from a cool, eastern slope on the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge with low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soil. This outstanding vintage was cooler than usual and two weeks later than the previous vintage - harvest commenced on the 3rd of March. The winter of 2020 was wetter than usual the more rain than Storm's average measurement. Later than usual cold winter temperatures, coupled with a warmer January and February, contributed to optimal ripening conditions. Aged in French oak for 11 months.

TASTING NOTES

Storm Ridge Chardonnay 2021 is a classically styled expression, taught, tight and chiselled - a medley of nectarine and citrus fruit with a refreshing, persistent finish.

ACCOLADES

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Tim Atkin MW, 2022

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Vinous, 2022

