

CRYSTALLUM

Crystallum, `Cuvée Cinéma` Pinot Noir 2015

PRODUCER

This small winery was established in 2007 by brothers Peter-Allan and Andrew Finlayson. Their father, Peter, was a pioneer in the production of cool climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir at Bouchard Finlayson, so after university it seemed the natural thing for the boys to return home and source some fruit from the Hemel-en-Aarde valley to start their own label.

Crystallum is now one of the most highly regarded wineries in South Africa. Yet the Finlaysons are determined to make even better wines. Peter-Allan has sourced fruit from some new vineyards, while winemaking has evolved. All the wines are now wild fermented, and new oak has been reduced to help the bright fruit shine through.

VINEYARDS

The Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir is produced from fruit grown from a single vineyard - one of the highest in the Hemel-en-Aarde region. This region is characterised by a moderate climate which results in delayed ripening and a late harvest. The soils are clay and shale in composition, which allows optimum fruit development while naturally restricting vigour and keeping crop levels low.

VINTAGE

2015 was an excellent vintage. A very cold and wet winter was followed by a moderate and dry summer. This permitted advanced flavour development at low sugar levels.

VINIFICATION

Cuvée Cinéma was fermented using only native yeasts with a ratio of whole clusters (30%) to whole berries (70%) in a stainless steel tank. The total time in tank was 30 days. The wine was then transferred to barrels, 30% of which were new, where it remained for 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Elegant and refined with Indian spice, cinnamon and cassis on the nose. Dry and classic but youthful, the tannins are velvety and distinctive, combining in a rich, lasting mouthfeel. A steely backbone gives this wine great freshness.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Walker Bay, Hemel-en Aarde, Cape South Coast
Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Peter-Allan Finlayson
Features	Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.5g/L
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl