

CRYSTALLUM

Crystallum, Bona Fide Pinot Noir 2013

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 2013 Bona Fide Pinot Noir is produced from a single vineyard in the Hemel en Aarde Valley area of Walker Bay. This single site is characterised by heavy clay and decomposed shales. The heavy soils create stress for the vines resulting in a wine of great concentration and flavour while maintaining freshness and elegance, typical of the Hemel en Aarde area.

VINTAGE

A very wet late January and early February led to delayed ripening and extended hang times. The wines are wonderfully aromatic with high natural acids and great fruit concentration.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation occurred spontaneously with no commercial yeasts added. 40% of the grapes were fermented as whole clusters, with the rest de-stemmed but left intact as whole berries. Total time on skins was four weeks after which the wine spent 11 months in French Oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES

Darker and more intense than any other Crystallum Pinot. The heavy soils create stress for the vines resulting in a wine of great concentration and flavour while maintaining freshness and elegance typical of the Hemel en Aarde area. Bright cassis and cherry notes, with spice and a slight smokiness that lead to a rich and generous palate with supple fruit and full, grippy tannins. Integrated and ready to drink, but will improve into 2020.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2013
Region	Walker Bay, Hemel-en Aarde, Cape South Coast
Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Peter-Allan Finlayson
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.7g/L
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.52
Bottle Sizes	75cl