



SAURWEIN



Om Pinot Noir 2023

HEMEL-EN-AARDE RIDGE | WALKER BAY

Om symbolises the concept of universal peace and creation. The vineyard is situated in the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge region (Heaven and Earth), a beautiful and peaceful place close to my heart. This dryland vineyard is situated just 12 km from the sea and lies at 300 m above sea-level. The soils are of granite origin with a significant portion of clay in the subsoil. Pinot noir clones are 115 and 667. The vineyard was planted in 2006. May this wine carry forward the peace that its place of creation inspires.

14 barrels produced by winemaker Jessica Saurwein.

VINTAGE 2023

It was a late vintage, with great ripening conditions and very healthy fruit. The wine was picked in two batches from two vineyard sites just 100 meters from each other. The resultant wine from these two sites is energetic, concentrated and has a great fresh acidity and beautiful ageing potential.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand-picked, hand-sorted, grapes are cold-soaked, fermentation is spontaneous, 12% whole bunch clusters were used, post-fermentation maceration is complete when the tannins are optimal, and the wine matured for 10 months in 228 liter French oak barrels (new and older). My approach is as minimal intervention as possible.

DESCRIPTORS

The nose: Red berry fruit, strawberries, red and black cherries, plums, exotic spices.

The palate: The wine is red fruited with lots of red berries, spices and some "fynbos" (wild herb character), fruit-coated, fine tannin and crisp acidity. I love this wine, as it has depth and intensity beyond the initial fruit and holds great aging potential. With time more savoury umami characters charm the drinker. A vintage to stock up on!

Drink: 2024 – 2038

Alcohol: 13,5%