

20  22

HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

ESTATE WINE OF ORIGIN – HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY

SOIL: Low-vigour, stony, clay-rich, shale-derived soil

ALCOHOL: 13.20%

ACID: 6.40 g/l

PH: 3.36

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.00 g/l

BARREL FERMENTATION: 56% 228 litre, 40% 300 litre French Oak Barrels

FOUDRE: 4%

BARREL AGEING: 9 Months

1ST FILL: 23% 2ND FILL: 17% 3RD FILL: 17% 4TH FILL: 43%

TIGHT GRAIN: 100%

FRENCH COOPERS: 100% Francois Freres

TOASTING: Hamilton Russell Vineyards Toast

YIELD: 3.87 tons/ha, 23.22 hl/ha

PRODUCTION: 5 601 cases of 12 bottles equivalent

Release date – January 2023

Growing Season

The timing of our 2022 harvest was similar to 2021, but a touch later than average, and our average of the maximum temperatures for the 4 crucial months leading up to and during harvest was 25.18 centigrade, higher than our long-term average of 24.63 centigrade and higher than 2021. While ripening was slow and extended, harvest was fortunately complete before the first rains in early March. The preceding Winter was our wettest in 24 years and was followed by a slightly wetter than average bud break to veraison period, but with an unusually (and usefully) dry September facilitating healthy, even budding. Apart from cold, wet, early season clay-rich soils inhibiting shoot growth, and a few late season heat spikes creating the potential for sunburn, the vintage proceeded smoothly and delivered beautiful, pure, generously textured wines. Yields, as always, were low, with Chardonnay coming in at 3,87t/ha (24hl/ha) and Pinot noir at 2,49t/ha (16,18hl/ha).

Wine Style

A tight, minerally wine with classic Hamilton Russell Vineyards length and complexity. Unusually prominent pear and lime fruit aromas and flavours are brought beautifully into focus by a tight line of bright natural acid and a long, dry minerality. An elegant, yet textured and intense wine with a strong personality of both place and vintage.



All Hamilton Russell Vineyards wines are grown, made, matured, bottled and labelled by Hamilton Russell Vineyards on the Hamilton Russell Vineyards Estate

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