



HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS

Chardonnay 2022

\$59.00

* Suggested retail price



Vegan

Product code	11662270
Licensee price	\$51.33
Format	6x750ml
Listing type	SAQ Specialty by lot
Status	Store Only
Type of product	Still wine
Country	South Africa
Regulated designation	Wine of origin (WO)
Region	Western Cape
Subregion	Hemel-en-Aarde Valley
Varietal(s)	Chardonnay 100 %
Alcohol percentage	13.5%
Colour	White
Sugar	Dry
Sugar content	2.2
Closure type	Cork
Aging vessel type	French oak
Length of aging	9 months
Total acidity	6.9 g/l
PH	3.45

ABOUT THIS WINERY

Hamilton Russell Vineyards – one of the most southerly wine Estates in Africa and one of the closest to the sea – pioneered viticulture and winemaking in the beautiful, cool, maritime Hemel-en-Aarde Valley appellation, just behind the old fishing village of Hermanus. The Estate specialises in producing highly individual, terroir driven Pinot noir and Chardonnay, which are widely regarded as among the finest in the New World.

TASTING NOTES

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.

PRODUCT NOTES

A standout feature of the 2020 vintage was phenolic ripeness at lower alcohol than usual, combined with low sugar to alcohol conversions for the fermentations. A highly positive situation. Yields were, as always, very low. Pinot noir came in at 3.32 tons/ha (21,5 hl/ha) and Chardonnay came in even lower at 2.68 tons/ha (16.9 hl/ha). The wines have a marked elegance, mineral purity and saline quality. A very exciting outcome despite weather challenges.

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