

`Cuvée Cinéma` Hemel-en-Aarde Pinot Noir 2018**Walker Bay, Hemel-en Aarde, Cape South Coast, South Africa****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 of the wines are now fermented using indigenous yeasts and new oak has been reduced to help the bright fruit shine through.

VINEYARDS

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

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage was hot and dry. This led to lower yields, with smaller bunches of healthy grapes harvested with great concentration of flavour. The quality from the 2018 vintage is outstanding.

VINIFICATION

'Cuvée Cinéma' was fermented using only native yeasts with a 1:1 ratio of whole clusters (50%) to whole berries (50%) in a stainless-steel tank. The total time in tank was 31 days. The wine was then transferred to barrels, 25% of which were new, where it remained for 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir is elegant and refined with strawberry, rose and spice on the nose. These notes carry through to the palate along with a touch of smoke and sea salt, all integrated in the long finish. Strong tannins and acidity give this wine a robust structure.

Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Peter-Allan Finlayson
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.3g/L
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.57
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan