



# 2021 Waagmoed Pinot Noir

The second chapter of the Draaiboek Wines story is Waagmoed, which means daring in Afrikaans. It tells the tale of bravery in crafting a Pinot Noir to capture the essence of the beautiful Hemel en Aarde Ridge. The 2021 Pinot Noir is a wine of depth and charm that offers delicacy and gracious elegance.

The wine is instantly accessible on release and offers excellent drinking pleasure, but it will develop and mature very well for 3 to 5 years after release.



## Viticulture

This perfumed Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown in a north-east facing single vineyard in Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. The 11-year-old vines are grown in Bokkeveld shale with a high proportion of clay, around 300m above sea level. Due to a cool, wet summer, the harvest was around ten days later than usual, following an even budding and slow but regular ripening.

## Winemaking

We believe in minimum intervention during the vinification process. The fruit selection was a crucial part due to the vintage conditions. Bunches were sorted twice, first in the vineyard during the picking process and then again in the cellar. Natural fermentation was followed by ten months on its lees in 228-litre Burgundy barrels, 25% new. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered and may display some harmless sedimentation over time.

Only the best barrels were bottled.

## Tasting notes

Alluringly coy delicacy with a floral nuance on the bright cherry, raspberry and strawberry aromatics. Touch of spice and forest floor too. The palate is initially succulent and lively with the fresh berry flavours but then it broadens and deepens with gentle spice, loam and crunchy autumn leaf apparent. It's fey and delicate but with wonderful fruit purity, seamless silky tannin and a sinuous suppleness and pliability that is so seductive yet simultaneously powerful and gracefully muscular.

**1160 bottles released May 2023**

alc 13.1% | rs 1.6g/l  
ph 3.61 | ta 5.3g/l | ma 0.6g/l

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