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Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir

Scenes from a movie based on the life of Napoleon were shot on the Cinéma site the year before vineyards were introduced, which gave this wine its name. This Cuvée is a selection of barrels made from said single vineyard, a premium site in the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge that was meticulously designed to produce the highest quality Pinot Noir with the planting of high density vines using disease-free Dijon clones.

Latest release (2022)

Brambles, black cherry and spice from sumac and aniseed are pronounced on the nose while the palate has a tense and phenolic grip. Plush red fruits like wild strawberries arrive as the wine uncoils and savoury heft is added by tomato skin and pomegranate. A spicier vintage that is complemented by very subtle pencil shaving oak notes and a saline finish.

Vinification

Fermented using only native yeasts with a ratio of whole clusters (60%) to whole berries (40%) in a stainless steel tank. The total time in tank was 31 days. The wine was then transferred to barrel (25% new) where it remained for 11 months before bottling.

Technical Analysis

pH 3.65
alc% 13.87%
Total acidity 5.0 g/l

Total sulphites 101 mg/l
Residual sugar 2.1 g/l