

Crystallum

This single-vineyard Pinot Noir showcases the unique character of the coastal Litigo vineyard , delivering a wine that is fresh, precise, and utterly captivating.

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Litigo Pinot Noir 2024

Walker Bay, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Litigo Pinot Noir is sourced from the **coastal Litigo vineyard**, situated just outside the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge in South Africa's Overberg region. The **south-facing slopes** of this vineyard allow the vines to receive cooler temperatures, prolonging ripening and enhancing aromatic complexity. The soils, composed of **Bokkeveld shale and clay**, contribute to the wine's elegant, lighter style.

The **2023 vintage** began with a dry, warm start and early bud break, followed by cooler and wetter weather in December that extended the ripening period. Sporadic rainfall in February had minimal impact on the early-ripening Pinot Noir. The resulting wines from this vintage are both **focused and slightly riper** than previous years.

Winemaking

Crystallum Litigo 2023 is crafted with precision, using **20% whole bunches**, while the remaining fruit was de-stemmed and kept as whole berries. Fermentation was carried out in **stainless steel tanks** with indigenous yeasts, followed by an extended **five-week post-fermentation maceration** on the skins.

After pressing and settling, the wine was aged in **French oak barrels** (10% new) for **11 months**, allowing for subtle oak integration while preserving the wine's bright fruit character.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby with a light, translucent hue.
- **Aroma**: A delicate floral bouquet featuring notes of mulberry and wild herbs, underpinned by fresh earthiness.
- **Palate**: Fine, sappy tannins and a vibrant acidity drive the palate, leading to flavors of red berries and subtle herbal undertones. The finish is long and gracefully nuanced.

Alcohol :13,70 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Did you know?

The name **Litigo**, meaning "discussion" in Latin, reflects the vineyard's joint ownership by Crystallum and a lawyer friend of winemaker Peter-Allan Finlayson. It is a nod to their shared vision and passion for winemaking.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted rack of lamb**: The herbal undertones and fine tannins pair beautifully with the savory herbs and tender lamb.
- **Wild mushroom and thyme risotto**: The earthy flavors complement the wine's floral and herbal nuances.
- **Grilled salmon with dill sauce**: The wine's bright acidity balances the richness of the salmon and the fresh dill.
- **Goat cheese tart with caramelized onions**: The delicate structure and acidity cut through the creaminess of the cheese and the sweetness of the onions.