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Crystallum Bona Fide Pinot Noir is an elegant and delicate expression of Pinot Noir, showcasing red fruit, spice, and a refined texture with fine, salty tannins.

Bona Fide Pinot Noir 2022

Walker Bay, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Bona Fide Pinot Noir** is produced from a single vineyard in the **Hemel-en-Aarde Valley** in South Africa's **Cape South Coast**. This region is renowned for its cool-climate Pinot Noir, with the valley benefiting from the cooling influence of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. These **cooling sea breezes** and the elevation of the vineyard help extend the ripening period, resulting in grapes with **excellent flavor concentration and balanced acidity**.

The soils in this region are composed of a mixture of **clay, shale, and quartz**, which naturally limit the vigor of the vines and produce fruit with intense flavors. This unique terroir allows for a Pinot Noir that balances **bright fruit with savory and earthy complexity**, making it a distinct expression of the Hemel-en-Aarde region.

Winemaking

The **Bona Fide Pinot Noir** was made using gentle, traditional winemaking techniques. The grapes were **hand-harvested** and fermented with indigenous yeasts to retain the unique characteristics of the vineyard. Unlike some of Crystallum's other wines, this Pinot Noir was **100% destemmed**, which enhances its refined texture and elegance. A period of **post-fermentation maceration** further developed the wine's tannic structure and complexity.

The wine was aged for **11 months** in **French oak barrels**, of which only 20-25% were new, allowing the oak influence to remain subtle and well-integrated. The result is a delicate and finely structured Pinot Noir with a persistent finish that highlights its **savory and mineral** notes.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red with a translucent edge.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **red fruits, dried herbs**, and hints of **wet earth**. Subtle spice notes emerge, with a hint of dried fruit and malt.
- **Palate:** The palate is light-bodied yet intense, offering a **slender texture** with fine, **salty tannins**. The bright red fruit flavors are complemented by a savory, persistent finish.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Did you know?

The **Bona Fide** vineyard is planted exclusively with **Pinot Noir** and is known for producing grapes with a unique balance of **sweetness and freshness**, thanks to its elevation and proximity to the ocean. The name **Bona Fide** reflects the vineyard's commitment to authenticity and true expression of terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast duck with red berry sauce:** The savory flavors and fine tannins of the wine complement the richness of the duck and the sweetness of the berry sauce.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** The earthy flavors of the mushrooms are enhanced by the wine's herbal and mineral notes, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Grilled salmon with dill butter:** The wine's bright acidity balances the richness of the salmon, while the herbal notes complement the dill.
- **Beetroot and goat cheese salad:** The freshness and brightness of the wine cut through the creaminess of the goat cheese, while the beetroot's sweetness complements the red fruit notes.



Robert Parker (RP) : **93 Points** (2022)

Coming from a vineyard near Storm's Vrede Vineyard, the 2022 Bona Fide Pinot Noir is fresh and vibrant with a juicy nose of dark cherry and potpourri. Medium-bodied, this is complex, with layers of bitter black tea and firm red fruit notes alongside tight tannins that will need additional time in the bottle to come around but will no doubt be fantastic with food. Just over 2,500 bottles were produced after resting for 11 months in 20% new French oak. Nicely done! 13.5% alcohol.

