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Crystallum Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir is a focused and precise expression of Pinot Noir, offering a complex blend of ripe black fruit, spices, and savory nuances, all balanced by a fresh, saline finish.

## Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir 2021

Walker Bay, South Africa

### Region and Vineyards

The **Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir** is produced from a single vineyard located in the **Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge** area, at an altitude of **300 meters above sea level**. This elevated site is one of the highest in the region, benefiting from a **moderate climate** that extends the ripening period, allowing for a late harvest and optimal flavor development. The vineyard is situated on a **southeast-facing slope**, which receives cooling breezes from nearby **Walker Bay**, imparting a characteristic freshness and vibrancy to the wine.

The vineyard is planted with **Dijon clones of Pinot Noir**, chosen for their ability to produce concentrated, complex fruit. The **clay and shale soils** of the site naturally limit vine vigor and reduce crop levels, enhancing the intensity of the fruit. The combination of elevation, soil type, and cool coastal influences creates a unique terroir, reflected in the **Cuvée Cinéma's** balance of ripe fruit, fresh acidity, and savory complexity.

### Winemaking

The **Cuvée Cinéma Pinot Noir** was crafted with a focus on minimal intervention to highlight the purity of the fruit. The grapes were **hand-harvested** and fermented using **indigenous yeasts** in stainless steel tanks. About **60% of the fruit was left as whole clusters**, which contributed to the wine's structure and phenolic grip. This method enhances the wine's complexity by adding a slight tannic edge and savory nuances.

Following fermentation, the wine was aged for **11 months** in **228-litre old French oak barrels**. The use of older oak ensures that the oak influence remains subtle, allowing the wine's fruit character and natural freshness to shine through. The result is a wine that is elegant and precise, with layers of spice, fruit, and savory elements unfolding over time.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with a vibrant core.
- **Aroma:** The nose is expressive, with pronounced notes of **brambles, black cherry, and spices**, complemented by hints of **aniseed**.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the wine offers a fine balance of **plush red fruit** such as **wild strawberries**, alongside savory hints of **tomato leaf** and **pomegranate**. The wine has a firm phenolic grip, leading to an elegant, spiced finish with a refreshing, saline edge.

### Did you know?

The vineyard for the **Cuvée Cinéma** is located in one of the highest parts of **Hemel-en-Aarde**, at **300 meters above sea level**. The name "Cinéma" reflects the dramatic landscape and the precision of the winemaking process, much like crafting a cinematic masterpiece. The cooling sea breezes from **Walker Bay** contribute to the wine's signature freshness, a hallmark of Pinot Noir from this region.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-roasted lamb:** The savory notes and spice in the wine complement the rich, herbaceous flavors of the lamb, while the acidity cuts through the fat.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** The earthy mushrooms enhance the wine's savory and complex nature, while the acidity balances the creaminess of the dish.
- **Peking duck with hoisin sauce:** The plush red fruit of the wine pairs beautifully with the sweet and savory elements of the duck, while the spice adds an extra dimension.
- **Grilled tuna with a soy-ginger glaze:** The wine's acidity and saline finish work harmoniously with the richness of the tuna and the umami flavors of the glaze.

#### Tim Atkin (TA) : 95 Points (2019)



*Cuvée Cinéma is sourced from the top end of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley from a clay-shales vineyard planted in 2009. The stems were unusually mature in 2019, so Peter-Allan Finlayson added 70% whole bunches. The result is sappy, spicy and quite dense, with effortless concentration, black cherry and plum fruit, sinewy tannins and good ageing potential. Drink 2022-29.*

#### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2019)



*The 2019 Cuvée Cinéma was fermented using only native yeasts and a 70/30 ratio of whole clusters to whole berries in a stainless steel tank. The wine was then transferred to barrel (25% new), where it remained for 11 months before bottling. It has an open and expressive bouquet of pure red cherries, red currant and rose petal aromas, blossoming with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins and wonderful symmetry at play on the precise and almost Morey-Saint-Denis like finish. Excellent. Drink 2023-33.*



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**Decanter (DCT) : 98 Points (2018)**

*A family run winery, Crystallum was established in 2007 by brothers Andrew and Peter-Allan Finlayson. Although they began by making Sauvignon Blanc, the winery now exclusively produces Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Cuvée Cinema Pinot Noir, named after scenes from a movie filmed on the site the year before vines were planted, is sourced from a high density vineyard on the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge. Fermented using only native yeasts with a ratio of 30:70 whole clusters to whole berries, the wine is aged for 11 months in 30% new oak before bottling. (10/2019)*



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