



Bouchard Finlayson

Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2020 is a daring and innovative blend, inspired by the elegance of Italian varietals and seamlessly crafted in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.



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A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD



Hannibal 2020

Walker Bay, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Hemel-en-Aarde Valley**, located in South Africa's Walker Bay, is a renowned wine region celebrated for its cool maritime climate and exceptional terroir. The region's proximity to the **Atlantic Ocean** creates an ideal environment for slow ripening, which preserves the grapes' natural acidity and aromatic finesse.

Hannibal 2020 is sourced from **mature, low-yielding vineyards** planted on clay-rich soils, which contribute to the wine's structure and concentration. The vineyards, hand-harvested during a six-week period, reflect the estate's focus on sustainability and precision viticulture.

The **2019-2020 season** began with promising flowering conditions, though the start of the year brought atypical weather challenges. However, the onset of dry conditions during harvest ensured **healthy, high-quality fruit**, marking a strong recovery from the light 2019 vintage.

Winemaking

The **Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2020** celebrates its **20th release**, a milestone for this eccentric yet beloved blend. The wine is crafted with meticulous care, beginning with hand-harvesting of the estate's naturally low-yielding vineyards.

Each varietal undergoes individual **alcoholic fermentation** in stainless steel tanks before being transferred to small barrels for the extended **malolactic fermentation** process. Notably, the **Sangiovese** component, which makes up **41% of the blend**, can take up to **nine months** to complete.

The final blend, consisting of **41% Sangiovese, 26% Nebbiolo, 10% Barbera, 9% Shiraz, 8% Pinot Noir, and 6% Mourvèdre**, is assembled after **12 months of aging** in small oak barrels, of which **17% are new oak**. Bottling took place in **July 2021**, ensuring harmony and balance in the wine's final expression.

Alcohol :14,30 %

Composition: 41% Sangiovese, 26%
Nebbiolo, 10% Barbera, 9% Syrah,
8% Pinot Noir, 6% Mourvèdre



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with vibrant clarity and intensity.
- **Aroma:** A complex and layered bouquet featuring notes of **dried violets, iron oxide**, and earthy forest floor. Subtle hints of **spice** and **mineral undertones** add further intrigue.
- **Palate:** Bold and structured, with firm tannins and a “meaty” texture. Flavors of **red berries, savory herbs**, and a touch of **leather** unfold with refined intensity. The wine’s focused, lingering finish hints at its **remarkable aging potential** from **2023 through 2033**.

Did You Know?

The name **Hannibal** symbolizes the connection between the **winelands of France and Italy**—a nod to the Carthaginian general **Hannibal**, who famously crossed the Alps with elephants, linking two historic wine cultures. This blend pays tribute to **Italian varietals** while celebrating South Africa’s unique terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Cape vegetable biryani:** The spice and depth of this dish complement the wine’s earthy and savory notes.
- **Mauritian seafood vindaie:** The vibrant flavors of this spiced seafood dish balance beautifully with the wine’s structure and complexity.
- **Brioche toast with goat’s milk cheese:** The creamy texture of the cheese enhances the wine’s fine tannins and floral notes.



Robert Parker (RP) : **88 Points** (2020)

The 2020 Hannibal is an eclectic blend of 41% Sangiovese, 26% Nebbiolo, 10% Barbera, 9% Shiraz, 8% Pinot Noir and 6% Mourvèdre. This unconventional assembly results in a tannic, red-fruited wine with an interesting backstory that arguably overshadows the wine itself. After maturing in small French oak barrels, 17% new, 25,872 bottles were filled.



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