

HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS

Hamilton Russell Vineyards - the most southerly wine estate in Africa and the closest to the sea - is located in the cool, maritime Walker Bay wine appellation, in a beautiful valley behind the old fishing village of Hermanus. The estate specialises in producing highly individual, terroir driven Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which are widely regarded as the best in South Africa and among the best in the New World.

Founder, Tim Hamilton Russell purchased the undeveloped 170 hectare property in 1975, after an exhaustive search for the most southerly site on which to make South Africa's top cool climate wines from a selection of noble varieties. His son Anthony, who took over in 1991, narrowed the range to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay only and registered Hamilton Russell Vineyards as an Estate, committing to work only with grapes from their terroir. Extensive soil

research initiated in 1994 identified 52 hectares of stony, clay-rich, shale-derived soil as optimal for the individual, origin expressive style they aim for and all plantings have now been limited to this soil type.

Anthony and winemaker Hannes Storm are completely dedicated to expressing the personality of the



Anthony Hamilton Russell and Hannes Storm

Hamilton Russell Vineyards terroir in their wines. Tiny yields and strong worldwide demand keep their elegant, individual, estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in very short supply. Low vigor, stony soils that combine with cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean help to produce naturally low yields over a long growing season. The combination of Hamilton Russell's climatic and geological influences make it possible to create concentrated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of great individuality and finesse.

Gentle handling of the grapes throughout the winemaking process and traditional vinification techniques enable the Hamilton Russell team to aim for expression of origin and individuality.

"Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as in Burgundy are perfectly balanced; they stand unrivalled amongst the best in the new world" – Pierre Crisol, Gault Millau

HAMILTON RUSSELL PINOT NOIR

22 hectares comprised of 8 separate vineyards. Principle clones – 113, 115, 667 and 777. Maximum production is 8,000 cases.

Our low vigor, stony, clay-rich soil, cool maritime mesoclimate, naturally tiny yields of around 35 hl/ha with the philosophy of letting our terroir express itself in our wines give rise to a focused tannin line and elevated length to balance the richness and generosity of our Pinot Noir.

Our Pinot Noir is not overtly fruity, soft and sweet. It generally shows hints of that alluring 'primal' character along with a long, complex primary fruit perfume. For this reason, many knowledgeable enthusiasts around the world regard Hamilton Russell Vineyards as the finest Pinot Noir in South Africa and one of the best in the New World.



"No Pinot Noir enthusiast should miss the chance to try it" *Frank Prial-NY Times*

HAMILTON RUSSELL CHARDONNAY

30 hectares comprised of 21 individual vineyards. Principle clones – Braemar, 95 and B548. Maximum production is 12,000 cases.

Our stony, clay-rich soil, cool maritime mesoclimate, naturally tiny yields of around 30 hl/ha with the philosophy of letting our terroir express itself in our wines gives rise to a tighter, drier more complex mineral character and length to complement the varietal fruit.

Highest score ever given to a South African white wine (92) *Wine Spectator*

