

SOUTHERN RIGHT, HEMEL-EN-AARDE,  
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# SAUVIGNON BLANC



## DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

Southern Right is a small Pinotage and Sauvignon Blanc specialist located on a strikingly beautiful 448 ha property in the cool, maritime, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley appellation. The wines are named after the rare Southern Right whales, which frequent the cool South Atlantic Walker Bay, 3 kilometres from the vineyards, comprised 51% Clay-rich shale derived soil and 49% Table Mountain Sandstone derived soil. This stellar 2021 vintage was later and cooler than usual. The average of the maximum temperatures for the 4 hottest months. Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar 2021 came in at 24.3 Centigrade. This compares to 24.8 Centigrade for a long-term average of the equivalent period in Burgundy. In the last 25 years, only 2001, 2004 and 2008 have been cooler. Winter was wetter than usual with 140mm more rain than average, filling dams and building the water table beautifully. Chill units started accumulating later than usual and a cool Spring and later budding accounted for the later harvest. A warm January was a welcome help towards healthy ripening. Any disease pressure from rain showers during ripening was effectively controlled. Yields, as always for them, were low. The 2021 wines stand out for their complex, layered elegance, purity, and mineral liveliness.

## TASTING NOTES

Made in a way ensuring the personality of site and soil is not over-ridden by the forceful character of the variety, this wine exhibits the typical Southern Right balance of "Old World" minerality and length with hints of "New World" palate coverage and body. The 2021 is a wine that favours origin expressive individuality, minerality and palate complexity ahead of pure, pungent varietal aroma. A significant percentage of fruit from iron and clay-rich soil has added a mid-palate structural component and additional overall complexity to this wine. The Sandstone soils have contributed their typical bright, tensile character and a marked minerality.

## HOW TO SERVE

Pairs well with fresh fish dishes or goats cheese tarts and salads.

VINTAGE  
2021

STYLE  
White

BLEND OF GRAPES  
100% Sauvignon blanc

ALCOHOL  
13.32%

RESIDUAL SUGAR  
2.1 g/l

