

## Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir 2006

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir  
winery : Hamilton Russell Vineyards  
winemaker : Hannes Storm  
wine of origin : Walker Bay  
analysis : alc : 14.2 % vol rs : 3.5 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 6.03 g/l  
type : Red style : Dry wooded  
pack : Bottle closure : Cork

### Recent Wine Press Comments

Douglas Bailey *â€” Boston Globe*  
*â€”â€” this South African vineyard has become recognized as the countryâ€™s best producer of chardonnay and pinot noir.â€™*

Michael Fridjhon *â€” Business Day*  
*â€”Unless the other high price players match the vinosity of the Hamilton Russell wines, they will resemble an imperial dynasty at a Beau Brummel Resort.â€™*

Pierre Crisol *â€” Gault Millau*  
*â€”Drawn from Pinot Noir, or as it happens, from Chardonnay and Burgundy, perfectly balanced, they stand unrivalled among the best of the New World.â€™*

Oz Clarke *â€” London Telegraph*  
*â€”â€” superb, restrained, Burgundian Chardonnay and Pinot Noir that set a standard for the rest of the hemisphere â€”â€™*

Len Rothenberg *â€” Boston Globe*  
*â€”What I would really like is a nice bottle of mature grand cru Burgundy. But that would cost \$150 or more â€” and I donâ€™t think Iâ€™ve been that good. I would happily take what seems to me the next best thing; the 1998 Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir from South Africa. With my palate open and my eyes closed, drinking it is like being on the Cote de Nuits in a good, lush year.â€™*

Jim Ainsworth *â€” Drink*  
*â€”If I were a Burgundian winemaker I would lie awake at night worrying about this wine.â€™*

Frank J Prial *â€” The New York Times*  
*â€”No Pinot Noir enthusiast should miss the chance to try it.â€™*

Irina von Holdt *â€” Cape Wine Master*  
*â€”One of the Capeâ€™s enduring classics.â€™*

David Fingleton *â€” The Spectator*  
*â€”We drank a magnificent Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir from the Cape. One of the finest New World reds I have tasted.*

### Recent Successes

Winner of the *â€”Bouchard Finlayson Trophy* for the best Pinot noir at the 2003 International Wine & Spirit Competition out of 91 top Pinot noirs from around the World.

Veritas Double Gold Medal for the last three vintages

Top wine in category on SAA selection *â€” 2001*

Top international Pinot noir at the 2001 Hamburger Wein Salons tasting in Hamburg

Best Value Pinot noir and highest medal rating out of 64 New World Pinot noirs at WINPAC 2001 Hong Kong

Top Ten Award and Gold Medal at the 2001 Air France *â€” Preteux Bourgeois Classic Wine* competition

Best Wine of the Tasting for the sommeliers tasting world Pinot noirs for *Ambience Magazine - Belgium*

Five stars out of five in *Oz Clarkeâ€™s 1997 Wine Guide*.

Rated one of the 100 best red wines in the world in the UK book *â€”Red Wine Companion*.

Seven times Wine of the Month on SAA First Class.

Wine of the Week with our Pinot noir in the *Sunday Times - UK*.

Wine of the Week in the *New York Times - US*.

Wine of the Week in the *Sunday Morning Post - Hong Kong*.

*â€”Best Purchase* with our Pinot noir in *food and wine Magazine, M&B & Bolig - Denmark*.



First place with our 98 Pinot noir in the July 2000 "Ten of the Best Tasting"  
5 stars in John Platter

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in the vineyard : Soil: Low-vigour, stony, clay-rich, shale-derived soil.

**Not just a Pinot Noir, but a classic, origin expressive wine**

Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir is different to most New World Pinot Noirs. Our low-vigour, stony, clay-rich soil, cool maritime mesoclimate, naturally tiny yields of around 35 hl/ha and our philosophy of expressing our terroir in our wines " give rise to a certain tightness, 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" and it generally shows hints of that alluring "primal" character along with a dark, spicy, complex primary fruit perfume. For this reason, many knowledgeable enthusiasts around the world regard Hamilton Russell Vineyards as the best "Pinot Noir" in South Africa and one of the best in the New World.

**Growing Season**

The vineyards had higher than average winter rainfall, lower than average spring rainfall and slightly lower than average rainfall during harvest. Overall, conditions for disease control were highly favourable and this combined with extremely low yields resulted in grapes of exceptional quality.

In terms of temperatures, it was a cool harvest, starting with a good winter chill and more even bud break than usual. December and March were particularly cool. The average of the maximum daily temperatures for the 4 hottest months of the year " Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar " was 24.2 Centigrade vs our long term average of 25.