



WILDEKRANS

ESTATE WINE

WILDEKRANS PINOTAGE 2011

WINE OF ORIGIN BOT RIVER WALKER BAY / OVERBURG

There is a danger of some confusion with the multiplying sub regions and zones within the Walker Bay area (itself part of a larger region called Overberg). Many lovers of South African wine came to recognize the name Walker Bay on the label in the late 1990s as a signal for very high quality Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. However, since then other names like Hermanus, Bot River and Hemel-en-Aarde have further defined their own boundaries within Walker Bay, and are exploring their special characteristics in an attempt to establish their own identities.

Bot River is the western entrance to the region, lying between Elgin and Hemel-en-Aarde. The small band of growers there, led by the formidable Niels Verburg of Luddite Wines, is keen to be seen as *a region in their own right*. The sub-divisions and the shifting nomenclature are confusing, yes, but thankfully the Walker Bay area's many offspring are producing some of the Cape's most exciting wines.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS:

Harvested at 25 balling, handpicked and delicately crushed. Cold soaked through the night. Fermentation was started the next morning, pump overs every 4 hours. Lightly pressed and matured in french oak barrels for 18 months.

80% matured in medium toast French oak barrels and 20% American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: Deep ruby

Nose: Dark fruits such as blackberry, blackcurrant and cherry with some tobacco.

Palate: On the palate it is supple, with hints of pomegranate and ripe tannins that give structure and a long balanced finish.

Pairing: Pairs well with seared steak, grilled spare ribs with BBQ sauce or lamb skewers on the grill.

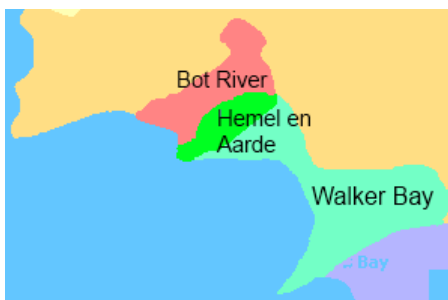
Vineyard: 4,000 vines per ha.

Soil Type: Klapmuts.

Vine Age: 18 yrs. old

Irrigation: Drip Method

Alcohol: 14%



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