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# Hemelrand

## Vine Garden 2020

Hemelrand Vine Garden is a unique vineyard that produces a unique wine. The idea is to bottle the wine just as the vineyard produces it, effectively creating a white field blend that changes every year depending on the vintage conditions. This way we have one place expressed by a few different grapes, changing as the season dictates. Hemelrand continues to fulfil its promise of excellence, showing increased depth and nuance year-on-year as the vines mature.

## Vineyards

Hemelrand it is situated on the cold and windy Hemel & Aarde Ridge at 360 meters above sea level on gravelly clay and Sandstone. The vineyard was planted in 2010 to Chardonnay, Roussanne, Verdelho, Chenin blanc, and Muscat Blanc a petit grain. However, as mentioned, the proportions of the different grapes produced significantly varies each vintage. Viticulturally speaking, this is a marginal site, the upside of which is slow ripening with high natural acidity.

## Winemaking and Maturation

The grapes were picked early in the morning, sorting in the vineyard, and whole bunch pressed. The juice was very lightly settled (we like very cloudy raw juice) with no additions to the raw juice, wild fermentation in took place in old barrels of various sizes. Fermentation lasted for about two months, except for the Roussanne which fermented for about nine months as usual. The wine was kept on lees for around twelve months, then rested in tank on fine lees without fining for a further six months prior to bottling. Very simple, careful winemaking.

## Tasting Notes

The wine gleams in the glass, a lovely straw colour. The nose is exotic, showing stone fruit and talcum, lemon rind and baking spice. The wine has an absolutely towering presence on the palate, robust flavours cut though by rapier acidity. A very invigorating drink.

## Technical Details

Varieties: 32% Chardonnay, 25% Roussanne, 25% Chenin, 13% Verdelho, 5% Muscat

Wine of origin: Hemel & Aarde Ridge  
(Estate Wine)

Production: 8246 Bottles

Bottling: June 2021

Alcohol: 13.11%

RS: 2.5 g/litre

TA: 6.53 g/litre

pH: 3.31

**The Name:** Vine Garden aptly describes both the attention to detail in small scale viticulture on Hemelrand and the handful of grape varieties represented in the vineyard.

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