

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

### INTRODUCTION

Stellenbosch and the Simonsberg Mountain range are synonymous with the production of great Cabernet Sauvignon. Just over one third of Rustenberg's vineyard plantings are dedicated to this variety and it is used through all of our blended red wines, and the famous site specific Peter Barlow. The Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon is made in a more fruit forward and medium bodied style and is accessible in its youth but will benefit from further bottle age. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

### VINTAGE

Following a warm start to the year, the Winter of 2015 was dry but cold enough to allow our vineyards to properly rest. A very warm, dry Spring and Summer resulted in an early bud-burst and record high temperatures in December and January brought forward the need to irrigate. As in 2015, the vintage started very early. In the middle of January Rustenberg was engulfed in fire as the entire Simonsberg mountain burnt, sadly destroying 5 hectares of the estate's vineyards. Generally very low yields of concentrated fruit make the wines of the 2016 vintage upfront and opulent.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Soil Types</b>	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
<b>Trellising/Pruning System</b>	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
<b>Irrigation Type</b>	Minimal Drip Irrigation
<b>Picking Method &amp; Date</b>	Hand Picked, March 2016

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Extended Maceration</b>	0 to 7 days
<b>Oak Aging</b>	100% aged for 15 Months
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	20% new, 40% 2nd, 20% 3rd & 20% 4th fill French 225L barrels
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg Whites (Albumen)
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 14% TA 5.83g/L pH 3.58 RS 3.25g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	July 2017

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	The wine shows typical Cabernet Sauvignon flavour and aroma profiles of dark berries and tobacco with a well-structured and lengthy palate.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	Up to 12 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
88 Points	Wine Enthusiast	May 2019

