

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## BUZZARD KLOOF SYRAH 2010

### INTRODUCTION

Buzzard Kloof is a unique vineyard site that is planted with French clones of Syrah imported before the turn of the century. The name "Buzzard Kloof" arose from the Jackal and Steppe Buzzards that can be seen circling the thermal currents above the kloof (ravine) within which the vineyard is situated. This Syrah is unique in that it is planted on one of the coolest and least sun exposed slopes on Rustenberg, resulting in a long, late ripening process and consistently produces the most structured and full bodied Syrah on the property. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

### VINTAGE

A cold, wet Winter in 2009 allowed for the lovely, even budding of the vineyards during Spring, and the warm, sunny days that followed in Summer resulted in great flavour and colour development in the berries. Full fruit flavours and soft tannins, together with good aromatics and ideal acidity, made 2010 an excellent vintage.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Soil Types</b>	Decomposed Granite
<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, April 2010

### 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>	For +/- 7 days
<b>Oak Aging</b>	100% aged for 19 Months
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	40% New; 60% 2nd & 3rd fill French 225L barriques
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg Whites (Albumen)
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 14.48% (14.5 on label) TA 6.0g/L pH 3.64 RS 3.2g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	December 2011

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	Deep purple, inky hues characterise this wine. The aromas are initially savoury and meaty, developing into a very concentrated and complex perfume with prominent spicy notes of cloves, cinnamon and violets. The palate entry exhibits tremendous concentration of flavour and has gratifying length.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	8 – 10 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Double Gold Medal	Michelangelo Platinum Awards	2013
Gold Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2013
Gold Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, SA	2013
Gold Medal	Concours Mondial de Bruxelles	May 2013
Top 100 SA Wine	Top 100 South African Wine Awards	2013
91 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2013

