

RUSTENBERG WINES

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012

INTRODUCTION

The Rustenberg Sauvignon Blanc is a harmonious blend of two distinct styles of Sauvignon Blanc from two very different regions. Fruit from the Elgin valley is blended from fruit grown in Stellenbosch. Elgin Sauvignon Blancs are known for their minerality and herbaceous flavour profile, while Stellenbosch is better known for a full flavour more tropical fruit styled Sauvignon Blanc. Combining the two creates a wine which is greater than the sum of its parts. Made without the influence of oak the wines are aged on their lees for further palate weight and complexity to balance out the wines' natural acidity.

VINTAGE

After a wet, cold Winter there was plenty of water available when required in the mild Summer months to ensure that the vineyards matured naturally, without undue stress. During the harvest, perfect phenolic ripeness was achieved at low sugar levels with soft, ripe tannins in the reds and plenty of flavour and acidity in the whites after longer than usual hang times in a cool growing season.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton/Tukulu; Shale
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2012

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	De-Stemmed and Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Lees Aging	2-3 Months
Oak Aging	N/A
Malolactic Fermentation	N/A
Age and Type of Oak	N/A
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass & Bentonite
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 13.98% (14% on label) TA 5.7g/L pH 3.25 RS 2.2g/L
Bottling Date	October 2012

WINE

Tasting Note	The intrinsic Sauvignon Blanc characteristics of green pepper, asparagus and gooseberry, with underlying tones of pineapple and passion fruit, are sustained on a fresh, crispy and well-balanced palate with prodigious length.
Aging Potential	4 – 5 years from vintage



ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, South Africa	2013
Silver Medal	International Wine & Spirits Challenge	2013
90 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	October 2013
87 Points	Wine Spectator	June 2013