

RUSTENBERG WINES

BUZZARD KLOOF SYRAH 2013

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

The vines emerged from a cold, wet Winter and enjoyed even budding in the Spring of 2012. Strong winds in early Summer affected the yields and canopies of some varieties but cool and consistent weather in early 2013 resulted in later than usual ripening. The cool growing season meant the grapes reaching their flavour ripeness with low sugars resulting in medium-bodied, elegant wines being produced.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Syrah
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, March 2013

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	For +- 7 days
Oak Aging	100% aged for 20 Months
Age and Type of Oak	40% New French & American barriques; 60% 2nd & 3rd fill
Fining Agents Used	Egg Whites (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.65% (14.5 on label) TA 5.8g/L pH 3.52 RS 2.8g/L
Bottling Date	December 2014

WINE

Tasting Note	The wine exhibits an enticing nose of pepper, violets and ripe berry fruits which follow through to a well-structured and lengthy palate with fine grained tannins.
Aging Potential	10+ years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions



ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Double Gold Medal	Veritas Awards	2016
Double Gold Medal	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2016
Gold Medal	Concours Mondial de Bruxelles	2016
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2016
Silver Medal	Michelangelo International Wine Awards	2016
Finalist Wine	Diner's Club Young Winemaker of the Year – Murray Barlow	2016