

RUSTENBERG WINES

FIVE SOLDIERS 2010

INTRODUCTION

The Five Soldiers vineyard is named after five tall stone pine trees called the "Five Soldiers" that tower over this site. Carefully selected Chardonnay bunches from this area are hand harvested for this special wine and then given royal treatment in the cellar. The final product is a very complex full-bodied wine, approachable in its youth however careful cellaring will exhibit the depth of the wine's complexity and will reward patience.

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

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Chardonnay
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton and Tukulu
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2010

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Whole Bunch Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	300 Litre Oak Barrels
Yeast	Wild (Uninoculated)
Lees Aging	Aged On Lees For Duration Of Oak Aging
Oak Aging	100% Aged for 15 months
Malolactic Fermentation	Yes, 100%
Age and Type of Oak	74% New Burgundian Barrels (Remainder 2 nd fill)
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass & Bentonite
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 13.74% TA 5.7g/L pH 3.44 RS 2.4g/L
Bottling Date	June 2011

WINE

Tasting Note	Characters of ripe citrus, melon and peach with great minerality, rounded out by well-judged oaking. A very complex wine with a long and creamy finish and a good acid backbone.
Aging Potential	10+ years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Gold Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Awards	2012
Gold Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, SA	October 2012
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2012
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2012
92 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2012
91 Points – Editor's Choice	Wine Enthusiast	2012

