

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## PETER BARLOW 1999

### INTRODUCTION

The name of this wine pays tribute to the man who recognized the potential of Rustenberg, and bought the farm in 1941, reuniting the property, restoring its buildings and investing in its potential to make world class wines. The oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard on the estate is named the Peter Barlow block and consistently produces powerful, long-lived Cabernet Sauvignon that is given the best possible treatment in the cellar. Peter's family now continues his legacy. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

### VINTAGE

Following a warm, dry Winter we had a perfect Spring with very little wind and enough rain and heat to see an excellent berry set and large crop of small berries on the vines. The harvest season was warm and near perfect which resulted in a stellar vintage giving rise to full bodied, expressive, powerful wines across all grape varieties. Vintage of the decade? We think so.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg Mountain, Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon (all fruit from Rustenberg)
<b>Soil Types</b>	Decomposed Granite, Hutton and Tukulu
<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 - April 1999

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel Tanks
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Extended Maceration</b>	3 Weeks
<b>Oak Aging</b>	20 Months
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	100% new French oak barrels
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg White (Albumen)
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 14.6% TA 6.2g/L pH 3.7 RS 1.6g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	November 2000

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	Violets, mint, coffee and blackberry dominate the aroma, carrying to the palate, where they combine with smooth layers of fine-grained tannin.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	10 to 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Gold Medal	Concours du Mondial	2002
Silver Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2002
99+ Points (Extraordinary)	Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar	March/April 2002
92 Points	Wine Spectator	2002
91 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2002
4 ½ Stars / 5 Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2002 / 2003
5 Stars	Decanter Magazine	November 2002 / July 2003

