

RUSTENBERG WINES

PETER BARLOW 2004

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

A dry Winter in 2003 meant the vines struggled in early spring and were relieved with rain in late Spring. While the rest of the season was fairly cool and balanced, the dry Winter set the vines and the flowering back, and coupled with an early on-set of Winter, made this a difficult vintage. A generous irrigation regime in Spring and very selective green harvesting of a big initial crop meant that we produced a small but very good quality crop of fruit in 2004. The wines of 2004 are medium-bodied, elegant and understated.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Valsrivier, Bainsvlei
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, March 2004

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	Up to 2 Weeks
Oak Aging	24 Months
Age and Type of Oak	80% new and 20% 2 nd fill French oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.74% (14.5 % on label) TA 6.8g/L pH 3.29 RS 2.6g/L
Bottling Date	March 2006

WINE

Tasting Note	Characterized by an upfront perfume, intermingled with concentrated cassis, black cherries and some herbaceousness.
Aging Potential	10 – 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2007
4 ½ Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2007
93 Points	Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, Online Edition	2007

