

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## PETER BARLOW 2005

### 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 dry Winter in 2004 the entire growing season of 2005 was warm and dry. The result was a very early harvest and rigorous bunch selection due to poor berry set and uneven ripeness. The wines produced from this harvest tend to be big and bold in style and are packed with fruit. The whites tend to be best consumed young, while the reds are very concentrated and will reward aging, with plenty of ripe fruit to appreciate as the wines age.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Soil Types</b>	Decomposed Granite, Valsrivier, Bainsvlei
<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 2005

### 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>	Up to 2 Weeks
<b>Oak Aging</b>	24 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: 14.82% TA 5.96g/L pH 3.69 RS 1.57g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	July 2007

### WINE

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

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Sommelier India Wine Competition	2009
4 ½ Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2009
Top 25 SA Wines	Decanter Magazine	December 2009
Featured in the James Bond novel "Carte Blanche" by Jeffrey Deaver (page 255 and 257)		

