

RUSTENBERG WINES

PETER BARLOW 2007

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 normal cold wet Winter in 2006 even bud-burst was achieved in Spring followed by a great berry set and a large crop on most vines. January, however, presented a number of heatwaves and sped ripening up rapidly only to be tempered by rains in February and March. This was a harvest of two halves – warm conditions for the whites and cooler conditions for the reds. Experience and patience helped us create great quality wines under these tough conditions.

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 2007

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	64% new, 36% 2nd fill French oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.63% TA 6.2g/L pH 3.66 RS 2.1g/L
Bottling Date	June 2009

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 Outstanding	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2012
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2012
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2012
Top 100 SA Wine	Top 100 South African Wine Awards	2011
4 ½ Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2011