

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## PETER BARLOW 2008

### 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

The Winter of 2007 was colder than usual, with more rain than in previous years: This boded well for good bud-break during the cool Spring. The rain in February and March slowed the harvest down, and this combined with strong winds made 2008 a challenging vintage in the vineyards. Cooler nights and warmer days took us into the harvest period, with a greater number of days reaching above 30°C than in the previous 4 years. Despite these challenges, even ripening and consistent grape condition for both white and red varieties were achieved in a warm vintage, resulting in ripe, expressive whites and fruit-forward, bold reds.

### 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 2008

### 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>	64% new, 36% 2nd fill French oak barrels
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg White (Albumen)
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 14.62% TA 5.55g/L pH 3.69 RS 2.44g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 2010

### 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	Old Mutual Trophy Awards	2013
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, SA	October 2013
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2013
92 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	October 2013
4 ½ Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2013

