

RUSTENBERG WINES

PETER BARLOW 2009

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 2009 vintage has been hailed as one of the best vintages of the decade. Following on from a normal cold, wet Winter was a Spring that allowed balanced growth and rain at the right times. The Summer was warm but devoid of heat waves and the small, later ripening crop of fruit that arrived in the cellar was seamless, requiring the winemaking team to simply guide the wines through the cellar with little intervention. The result: balanced, opulent and ageable wines.

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 2009

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 and 3rd fill French oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.4% TA 6.4g/L pH 3.57 RS 3.0g/L
Bottling Date	June 2011

WINE

Tasting Note	Concentrated cassis, black cherries and some herbaceousness on the nose and palate.
Aging Potential	10 – 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
International Judges' Trophy	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2015
Platinum Award	South African Wine Index Awards	2015
Double Gold Medal	Veritas Awards	2015
Gold Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2015
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2015
5 Stars	Christian Eedes Cabernet Sauvignon Report	2014
95 Points	Christie's Cape Fine & Rare Wine Auction Tasting – Greg Sherwood MW	November 2019
94 Points	Winemag 10 Year Old Wine Report	March 2019
93 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2015
92+ Points	Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar	2015
91 Points	Tim Atkins MW Report	2015

