

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

### INTRODUCTION

Stellenbosch and the Simonsberg Mountain range are synonymous with the production of great Cabernet Sauvignon. Just over one third of Rustenberg's vineyard plantings are dedicated to this variety and it is used through all of our blended red wines, and the famous site specific Peter Barlow. The Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon is made in a more fruit forward and medium bodied style and is accessible in its youth but will benefit from further bottle age. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

### VINTAGE

The vines emerged from a cold, wet Winter and enjoyed even budding in the Spring of 2012. Strong winds in early Summer affected the yields and canopies of some varieties but cool and consistent weather in early 2013 resulted in later than usual ripening. The cool growing season meant the grapes reaching their flavour ripeness with low sugars resulting in medium-bodied, elegant wines being produced.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Soil Types</b>	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
<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 – April 2013

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Extended Maceration</b>	0 to 7 days
<b>Oak Aging</b>	100% aged for 16 Months
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	20% new, 43% 2nd & 37% 3rd fill French 225L barrels
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg Whites (Albumen)
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 14.13% TA 5.9g/L pH 3.62 RS 2.7g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 2014

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	The wine shows typical Cabernet Sauvignon flavour and aroma profiles of dark berries and tobacco with a well-structured and lengthy palate.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	Up to 12 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Concours Mondial de Bruxelles	2015
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2015
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2015
Silver Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2015
89 Points	Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar	2015
90 Points	Tim Atkins MW Report	2015

