

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

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 vineyards emerged from a deep, long dormancy after the wet and cold Winter of 2013 into ideal spring conditions resulting in high cropping levels across all varieties. The summer of 2014 was cool with no major heatwaves and intermittent rain resulting in the production of lower alcohol white wines that enjoyed a longer than usual ripening period, while the reds from this vintage display restraint and finesse.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soil Types	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, March – April 2014

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	0 to 7 days
Oak Aging	100% aged for 16 Months
Age and Type of Oak	20% new, 43% 2nd & 37% 3rd fill French 225L barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg Whites (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.13% TA 5.6g/L pH 3.61 RS 2.6g/L
Bottling Date	August 2015

WINE

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

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
90 Points	Decanter Magazine	2017
Double Silver	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2016
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2016

