

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH CHARDONNAY 2011

### INTRODUCTION

Rustenberg is a well-known producer of high quality Chardonnays and the Stellenbosch Chardonnay embodies our house style. Careful tending and selection in the vineyard followed by traditional wild barrel fermentation and maturation, produces a classic Chardonnay balancing the expression of fruit, freshness, full malolactic fermentation and the influence of oak.

### VINTAGE

Despite a dry Winter, there was plenty of water when required in the hot Summer months to get the vineyards to mature naturally without excessive irrigation. Good vineyard canopies allowed optimum light penetration for uniform ripening and development of good colour and flavour. At harvest, the berries came in at lovely low sugars due to cool conditions and were packed with flavour.

### VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Chardonnay
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton and Tukulu
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2011

### WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Whole Bunch Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	300 Litre Oak Barrels
Yeast	Wild (Uninoculated)
Lees Aging	12 Months
Oak Aging	100% aged for 12 months
Malolactic Fermentation	Yes, 100%
Age and Type of Oak	40% new and 60% 2 <sup>nd</sup> fill Burgundian oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass & Bentonite
Final Analysis	<b>Alc v/v:</b> 14.17% (14% on label) <b>TA</b> 6g/L <b>pH</b> 3.45 <b>RS</b> 3g/L
Bottling Date	March 2012

### WINE

Tasting Note	The final product is a feast for the senses, with apricot, coconut and orange peel aromas followed by flavours of marzipan and citrus.
Aging Potential	This wine can be enjoyed in its youth or after careful cellaring.



### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, SA	2012
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirits Competition	2013
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2013
Top 100 SA Wine	Top 100 South African Wine Awards	2013
90 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2012