

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

### INTRODUCTION

The Rustenberg Stellenbosch Sauvignon Blanc is grown at some of the highest altitudes that vineyards are grown at in the Stellenbosch region; just over 550m above sea level, right against the Simonsberg Mountain. The cooling effect of altitude and the oceanic breeze blowing off False Bay and Table Bay which are both within line of sight of the vineyards, combined with the vineyards being planted on West facing slopes make this ideal for the production of a full flavoured, more tropical styled Sauvignon Blanc. Made without the influence of oak the wines are aged on their lees for further palate weight and complexity to balance out the wines' natural acidity.

### VINTAGE

The Winter of 2016 was dry but cold as drought conditions persisted in the Western Cape. Despite the drought, a warm, dry spring and little wind meant that there was little disease pressure and little stress on the vineyards beyond the heat. Harvest started slightly earlier than usual but was 10 days later than the record early start of the 2016 vintage. Careful use of irrigation to offset the dry drought conditions and cold nights experienced during the first four months of the year resulted in superb quality, and wonderful acidity, colour and flavour concentration in the wines. Indications are that 2017 will be an excellent vintage with plenty of potential to age well.

### VINEYARDS

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| <b>Wine of Origin</b>            | Simonsberg, Stellenbosch                            |
| <b>Varietal Blended</b>          | 100% Sauvignon Blanc                                |
| <b>Soil Types</b>                | Decomposed Granite, Hutton/Tukulu; Shale            |
| <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, February 2017                          |

### WINEMAKING

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| <b>Extraction Method</b>       | Crushed, De-Stemmed and Pressed            |
| <b>Fermentation Vessel</b>     | Stainless Steel Tanks                      |
| <b>Yeast</b>                   | Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast             |
| <b>Lees Aging</b>              | 2-3 Months                                 |
| <b>Oak Aging</b>               | N/A                                        |
| <b>Malolactic Fermentation</b> | N/A                                        |
| <b>Age and Type of Oak</b>     | N/A                                        |
| <b>Fining Agents Used</b>      | Isinglass & Bentonite                      |
| <b>Final Analysis</b>          | Alc v/v: 13.5% TA 5.8g/L pH 3.28 RS 1.7g/L |
| <b>Bottling Date</b>           | June 2017                                  |

### WINE

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| <b>Tasting Note</b>    | The intrinsic Sauvignon Blanc characteristics of tropical fruits, melon and gooseberry, with underlying tones of pineapple and passion fruit sustained on a fresh, crisp and well-balanced palate with prodigious length. |
| <b>Aging Potential</b> | 1 to 3 years from vintage                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### ACCOLADES

| AWARD             | COMPETITION/PUBLICATION                | YEAR/EDITION |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Double Gold Medal | Michelangelo International Wine Awards | 2017         |
| Silver Medal      | Veritas Wine Awards                    | 2017         |

