

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH SHIRAZ 2015

INTRODUCTION

Shiraz is a fairly newly introduced variety to Rustenberg, first planted in the late 1990's on warm West-facing slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain it has rapidly made its mark in a number of wines and blends. The Stellenbosch Shiraz exhibits all the hallmarks of great Shiraz: red and dark fruits and a touch of spice in a wine that is medium bodied, approachable and designed to be enjoyed in its youth. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

VINTAGE

The cold wet Winter of 2014 started early and ended late, which is ideal for the vineyards' dormancy; however an unseasonably cool Spring resulted in the vines going into Summer with 10 to 40% less crop than usual. The remainder of the season was warm and dry resulting in one of the earliest harvests on record. Zero disease pressure and small crops of fantastic ripe fruit combined with high natural acids make this potentially the vintage of the decade.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Shiraz
Soil Types	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Drip irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, March 2015

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	None
Oak Aging	16 Months
Age and Type of Oak	98% French oak and 2% American oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14% TA 5.9g/L pH 3.60 RS 3.0g/L
Bottling Date	October 2016

WINE

Tasting Note	This Shiraz has plenty of natural brambly red and black fruit on the well-defined nose. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine line of acidity, crisp tannins and expressive red berry fruit mixed with spice and cloves on the finish.
Aging Potential	Designed for early drinking +-7 years from vintage

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Double Gold Medal	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2017
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine & Spirits Competition	2017
Silver Medal (92 Points)	Decanter World Wine Awards	2017
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards	2017

