

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH PETIT VERDOT ROSÉ 2020

### INTRODUCTION

Rosé was first made at Rustenberg in the early 1980's when the Rustenberg "Classic" was made. Petit Verdot was first planted on Rustenberg in the early 2000's and has become a staple in the John X Merriman Bordeaux style blend. Petit Verdot is an amazing variety to make rosé out of too. Typically having small berries and thick colourful skins mean the wines are full bodied, full flavoured and have a naturally bright pink hue.

### VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage will be remembered as a good vintage produced under the spectre of the COVID-19 pandemic impacting the globe. Fortunately the harvest was not impacted on Rustenberg by the government-sanctioned lockdowns, allowing all fruit to be picked and processed when ripe. A good winter in 2019 saw a return to average rainfall for the year. Two unusual weather events in the growing season, a large rainstorm and a heat wave, impacted some varietals flowering and berry set, however, in the context of the entire vintage these had a minor impact. Crop levels were up by 15% from the 2019 vintage, which saw a return to yields being average to slightly above average for most varietals. Quality wise, the white wines have superb acids and more moderate alcohols with wonderful fruit concentration, while the reds tend to be more medium-bodied with moderate alcohols, good freshness and supple tannins, potentially to be enjoyed earlier.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Petit Verdot
<b>Soil Types</b>	Decomposed Granite
<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 2020

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	De-Stemmed and Pressed
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel Tanks
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Lees Aging</b>	None
<b>Oak Aging</b>	None
<b>Malolactic Fermentation</b>	None
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	None
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Isinglass and Bentonite
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 13.5% TA 5.4g/L pH 3.41 RS 7.2g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	October 2020

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	This rosé exhibits aromas and flavours of red fruits: strawberries, cranberries and red cherries rounded by a fresh clean palate and food friendly palate weight.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	1 to 3 years from vintage

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
	<i>New Release – Not Yet Rated / Judged</i>	

