

RUSTENBERG WINES

PETER BARLOW 2017

INTRODUCTION

The name of this wine pays tribute to the man who recognized the potential of Rustenberg, and bought the farm in 1941, reuniting the property, restoring its buildings and investing in its potential to make world class wines. The oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard on the estate is named the Peter Barlow block and consistently produces powerful, long-lived Cabernet Sauvignon that is given the best possible treatment in the cellar. Peter's family now continues his legacy. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

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

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Valsrivier, Bainsvlei
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, March 2017

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	Up to 2 Weeks
Oak Aging	24 Months
Age and Type of Oak	64% new, 36% 2nd and 3rd fill French oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.5% TA 6.3/L pH 3.63 RS 2.9/L
Bottling Date	July 2019

WINE

Tasting Note	Concentrated cassis, black cherries and some herbaceousness on the nose and palate.
Aging Potential	10 – 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
96 Points	Tim Atkin SA Wine Report	2020
Gold Medal - 95 Points	Decanter World Wine Awards	2020
92+ Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2021
92 Points	Vinous – Neal Martin	February 2021
91 – 93 Points	Wine Enthusiast	2019

