

RUSTENBERG WINES

PETER BARLOW 2012

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

After a wet, cold Winter there was plenty of water available when required in the mild Summer months to ensure that the vineyards matured naturally, without undue stress. During the harvest, perfect phenolic ripeness was achieved at low sugar levels with soft, ripe tannins in the reds and plenty of flavour and acidity in the whites after longer than usual hang times in a cool growing season.

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 2012

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 6.0g/L pH 3.56 RS 3.2g/L
Bottling Date	October 2014

WINE

Tasting Note	Concentrated cassis, black cherries and some herbaceousness on the nose and palate. A brooding nose of red and black fruit, earth, oyster shell, fresh herbs and oak spice. Rich and dense with layers of flavour and great length.
Aging Potential	10 – 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions



ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
5 Stars – 97 Points	Platter's Wine Guide	2022
Double Silver Medal	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2017
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2017
Silver Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2017
91 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	April 2017
91 Points	Prescient Cabernet Sauvignon Report	2017
5 Stars	Diners Club Platter's Wine Guide	2017