

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH GRENACHE 2015

INTRODUCTION

Grenache Noir was first planted on Rustenberg in 2001. The variety is best known for producing very expressive, lighter styled, quality wines once vines have had a number of years to establish themselves. Through careful vineyard management of the variety, the vines produce naturally high yields. Being typically light in colour, low in tannin and medium-bodied, Grenache is the ideal red wine to drink on its own or to pair with tapas style foods and cured meats.

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% Grenache Noir
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal 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
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	0 to 7 days
Oak Aging	100% aged for 12 months
Age and Type of Oak	100% old french oak barriques (225L)
Fining Agents Used	Egg Whites (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.4% (14.5% on label) TA 5.4g/L pH 3.53 RS 2.2g/L
Bottling Date	June 2016

WINE

Tasting Note	In its youth the wine exhibits very attractive red fruit flavours, such as strawberry and cherry, along with a wonderful pepper spice. As the wine ages it will reveal a more savoury fruit profile.
Aging Potential	Up to 6 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
4 Stars	Platter's Wine Guide	2022
Double Gold Medal	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2017
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2016

