



RUSTENBERG
WINES

Peter Barlow 2019

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 2019 vintage was a challenging one for the Rustenberg team. While the winter of 2018 was a welcome break from the previous four winters of drought, most vineyards had not fully recovered and produced below average yields. A warm snap in June and a wet Spring, coupled with a wetter than average Summer harvesting season made 2019 a challenge, with some late harvest thinning or multiple harvests of the same vineyard required to achieve uniformity. Early and mid-season ripening varieties performed well, all achieving flavour ripeness at lower alcohol levels, while late ripening varieties required patience and extended time on the vines, again achieving lower alcohols overall, but creating ripe, structured wines.

Vineyard

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 2020

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	20 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 5.7/L pH 3.59 RS 2.6/L
Bottling Date	July 2022

Wine

Tasting Note	Rich aromas of red and black fruits, cedar, and clove, with lively acidity and velvety tannins. Outstanding balance of oak integration and fruit weight, with a long finish.
Aging Potential	10 – 15 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

Accolades

Award:	Competition/Publication:	Year/Edition:
Gold Medal	Global Fine Wine Challenge	2021
95 Points	Tim Atkin SA Report	2022
93 Points	James Suckling	2021
93 Points	Winemag.co.za – Christiaan Eedes	2022
93 Points – 4.5 Stars	Platter’s Wine Guide	2023
93 Points	Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate	2023
Silver Medal – 91 Points	Decanter World Wine Awards	2022

