



RUSTENBERG WINES

Stellenbosch Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Introduction

Grown at some of the highest altitudes that vineyards are grown at in the Stellenbosch region; just over 550m above sea level, right against Simonsberg Mountain. The cooling effect of altitude and the oceanic breeze blowing off False Bay and Table Bay which are both within line of sight of the vineyards, combined with the vineyards being planted on West facing slopes make this ideal to produce a full flavoured, more tropical style, Sauvignon Blanc. Made without the influence of oak the wines are aged on their lees for further palate weight and complexity to balance out the wines' natural acidity.

Vintage

Vintage The Winter of 2024 arrived later than usual, with the record rainfall and cold temperatures experienced in July allowing for the vineyards to transition into dormancy. This later than usual onset of dormancy resulted in late budding for many grape varieties. Budding and berry set were even, and the cooler, moderate and dry growing season set the scene for the vintage. There was a brief heat spike at the end of December, however, January was cool and dry with big day/night temperature changes, resulting in excellent acidity and freshness being a hallmark of the vintage. February and March were near perfect for ripening, being warm and dry with little disease pressure and no heat wave conditions to stress the vineyards at this crucial time. The result of these conditions was a remarkable, cellar-worthy vintage. The reds are some of the best seen since 2015 with excellent concentration, depth of colour and structure. The whites have wonderful flavour development, fruit intensity and freshness.

Vineyard

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg-Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton/Tukulu; Shale
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP, 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2024

Winemaking

Extraction Method	Crushed, De-Stemmed and Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Yeast
Lees Aging	2-3 Months
Oak Aging	N/A
Malolactic Fermentation	N/A
Age and Type of Oak	N/A
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass & Bentonite
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 13.48% TA 5.5 g/L pH 3.3 RS 2.3g/L
Bottling Date	August 2024

Wine

Tasting Note	Tropical fruits, with underlying tones of pineapple and passion fruit on a fresh, crisp and palate with prodigious length.
Aging Potential	1 to 3 years from vintage

Accolades

Award: 93 Points - Silver	Competition/Publication: International Wine Challenge	Year/Edition: 2026 – Tranche 1
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