

RUSTENBERG WINES

BUZZARD KLOOF SYRAH 2011

INTRODUCTION

Buzzard Kloof is a unique vineyard site that is planted with French clones of Syrah imported before the turn of the century. The name "Buzzard Kloof" arose from the Jackal and Steppe Buzzards that can be seen circling the thermal currents above the kloof (ravine) within which the vineyard is situated. This Syrah is unique in that it planted on one of the coolest and least sun exposed slopes on Rustenberg, resulting in a long, late ripening process and consistently produces the most structured and full bodied Syrah on the property. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

VINTAGE

Despite a dry Winter, there was plenty of water when required in the hot Summer months to get the vineyards to mature naturally without excessive irrigation. Good vineyard canopies allowed optimum light penetration for uniform ripening and development of good colour and flavour. At harvest, the berries came in at lovely low sugars due to cool conditions and were packed with flavour.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Syrah
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 2011

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	For +- 7 days
Oak Aging	100% aged for 20 Months
Age and Type of Oak	40% New French & American barriques; 60% 2nd & 3rd fill
Fining Agents Used	Egg Whites (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.67% (14.5 on label) TA 5.5g/L pH 3.58 RS 2.5g/L
Bottling Date	December 2012

WINE

Tasting Note	The wine exhibits an enticing nose of pepper, violets and ripe berry fruits which follow through to a well-structured and lengthy palate with fine grained tannins.
Aging Potential	10+ years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2015
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards	2014
Silver Medal	Syrah du Monde	2014
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine and Spirits Competition	2014
91 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2014

