

RUSTENBERG WINES

BUZZARD KLOOF SYRAH 2014

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 is 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

The vineyards emerged from a deep, long dormancy after the wet and cold Winter of 2013 into ideal spring conditions resulting in high cropping levels across all varieties. The summer of 2014 was cool with no major heatwaves and intermittent rain resulting in the production of lower alcohol white wines that enjoyed a longer than usual ripening period, while the reds from this vintage display restraint and finesse.

VINEYARDS

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| 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 2014 |

WINEMAKING

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| 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% TA 6.0g/L pH 3.56 RS 3.7g/L |
| Bottling Date | December 2015 |

WINE

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| 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 |
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| Finalist Wine | Diner's Club Young Winemaker of the Year | 2016 |

