

RUSTENBERG WINES

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010

INTRODUCTION

The Rustenberg Sauvignon Blanc is a harmonious blend of two distinct styles of Sauvignon Blanc from two very different regions. Fruit from the Elgin valley is blended from fruit grown in Stellenbosch. Elgin Sauvignon Blancs are known for their minerality and herbaceous flavour profile, while Stellenbosch is better known for a full flavour more tropical fruit styled Sauvignon Blanc. Combining the two creates a wine which is greater than the sum of its parts. 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

A cold, wet Winter in 2009 allowed for the lovely, even budding of the vineyards during Spring, and the warm, sunny days that followed in Summer resulted in great flavour and colour development in the berries. Full fruit flavours and soft tannins, together with good aromatics and ideal acidity, made 2010 an excellent vintage.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Western Cape
Varietal Blended	95% Sauvignon Blanc; 5% Semillon
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton/Tukulu; Shale
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February – March 2010

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	De-Stemmed and Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine 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: 13.45% (13.5% on label) TA 6.75g/L pH 3.34 RS 3.02g/L
Bottling Date	July 2010

WINE

Tasting Note	The intrinsic Sauvignon Blanc characteristics of green pepper, asparagus and gooseberry, with underlying tones of pineapple and passion fruit, are sustained on a fresh, crispy and well-balanced palate with prodigious length.
Aging Potential	4 – 5 years from vintage

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
86 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2011
4 Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2011

