

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH CHARDONNAY 2009

INTRODUCTION

Rustenberg is a well-known producer of high quality Chardonnays and the Stellenbosch Chardonnay embodies our house style. Careful tending and selection in the vineyard followed by traditional wild barrel fermentation and maturation, produces a classic Chardonnay balancing the expression of fruit, freshness, full malolactic fermentation and the influence of oak.

VINTAGE

The 2009 vintage has been hailed as one of the best vintages of the decade. Following on from a normal cold, wet Winter was a Spring that allowed balanced growth and rain at the right times. The Summer was warm but devoid of heat waves and the small, later ripening crop of fruit that arrived in the cellar was seamless, requiring the winemaking team to simply guide the wines through the cellar with little intervention. The result: balanced, opulent and ageable wines.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Chardonnay
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton and Tukulu
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2009

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Whole Bunch Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	300 Litre Oak Barrels
Yeast	Wild (Uninoculated)
Lees Aging	12 Months
Oak Aging	100% aged for 12 months
Malolactic Fermentation	Yes, 100%
Age and Type of Oak	40% new and 60% 2 nd fill Burgundian oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass & Bentonite
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 13.35% (13.5% on label) TA 5.9g/L pH 3.4 RS 3.6g/L
Bottling Date	June 2010

WINE

Tasting Note	A well balanced Chardonnay with hints of flint, beautiful mineral notes and excellent oak integration. Apricot & orange peel aromas are followed by flavours of almond and marzipan.
Aging Potential	Up to 5 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Medal (Best in Class)	International Wine and Spirits Competition	2010
91 Points	Steven Tanzer's International Wine Cellar	March/April 2011
91 Points	Winemag 10 Year Old Wine Report	March 2019
4 Stars	John Platter Wine Guide	2011

