

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH GRENACHE 2016

INTRODUCTION

Grenache Noir was first planted on Rustenberg in 2001. The variety is best known for producing very expressive, lighter styled, quality wines once vines have had a number of years to establish themselves. Through careful vineyard management of the variety, the vines produce naturally high yields. Being typically light in colour, low in tannin and medium-bodied, Grenache is the ideal red wine to drink on its own or to pair with tapas style foods and cured meats.

VINTAGE

Following a warm start to the year, the Winter of 2015 was dry but cold enough to allow our vineyards to properly rest. A very warm, dry Spring and Summer resulted in an early bud-burst and record high temperatures in December and January brought forward the need to irrigate. As in 2015, the vintage started very early. In the middle of January Rustenberg was engulfed in fire as the entire Simonsberg mountain burnt, sadly destroying 5 hectares of the estate's vineyards. Generally very low yields of concentrated fruit make the wines of the 2016 vintage upfront and opulent.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Grenache Noir
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 2016

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and de-stemmed fruit, pumped over during ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	0 to 7 days
Oak Aging	100% aged for 12 months
Age and Type of Oak	100% old french oak barriques (225L)
Fining Agents Used	Egg Whites (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14% TA 5.6g/L pH 3.46 RS 2.9g/L
Bottling Date	May 2017

WINE

Tasting Note	In its youth the wine exhibits very attractive red fruit flavours, such as strawberry and cherry, along with a wonderful pepper spice. As the wine ages it will reveal a more savoury fruit profile.
Aging Potential	Up to 6 years from vintage under ideal cellaring conditions

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine & Spirits Competition	2017
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards	2017

