

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH PETIT VERDOT ROSÉ 2015

INTRODUCTION

Rosé was first made at Rustenberg in the early 1980's when the Rustenberg "Classic" was made. Petit Verdot was first planted on Rustenberg in the early 2000's and has become a staple in the John X Merriman Bordeaux style blend. Petit Verdot is an amazing variety to make rosé out of too. Typically having small berries and thick colourful skins mean the wines are full bodied, full flavoured and have a naturally bright pink hue.

VINTAGE

The cold wet Winter of 2014 started early and ended late, which is ideal for the vineyards' dormancy; however an unseasonably cool Spring resulted in the vines going into Summer with 10 to 40% less crop than usual. The remainder of the season was warm and dry resulting in one of the earliest harvests on record. Zero disease pressure and small crops of fantastic ripe fruit combined with high natural acids make this potentially the vintage of the decade.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Petit Verdot
Soil Types	Decomposed Granite, Hutton/Tukulu
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Minimal Drip Irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February 2015

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	De-Stemmed and Pressed
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Lees Aging	None
Oak Aging	None
Malolactic Fermentation	None
Age and Type of Oak	None
Fining Agents Used	Isinglass and Bentonite
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 13.81% (13.5% on label) TA 5.2g/L pH 3.38 RS 6.0g/L
Bottling Date	June 2015

WINE

Tasting Note	This rosé exhibits aromas and flavours of red fruits: strawberries, cranberries and red cherries rounded by a fresh clean palate and food friendly palate weight.
Aging Potential	1 to 3 years from vintage

ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Top Rosé	Novare SA Terroir Wine Awards – Stellenbosch District	2015
Gold Medal	Michelangelo International Wine and Spirit Awards	2015
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2015

