

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH PETIT VERDOT ROSÉ 2016

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

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% Petit Verdot
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, February 2016

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: 13.5% TA 5.1g/L pH 3.48 RS 7.0g/L
Bottling Date	June 2016

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
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2016
Silver Medal	Michelangelo International Wine Awards	2016
Silver Medal	Veritas Awards	2016

