

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH PETIT VERDOT ROSÉ 2017

### 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 Winter of 2016 was dry but cold as drought conditions persisted in the Western Cape. Despite the drought, a warm, dry spring and little wind meant that there was little disease pressure and little stress on the vineyards beyond the heat. Harvest started slightly earlier than usual but was 10 days later than the record early start of the 2016 vintage. Careful use of irrigation to offset the dry drought conditions and cold nights experienced during the first four months of the year resulted in superb quality, and wonderful acidity, colour and flavour concentration in the wines. Indications are that 2017 will be an excellent vintage with plenty of potential to age well.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Petit Verdot
<b>Soil Types</b>	Decomposed Granite
<b>Trellising/Pruning System</b>	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
<b>Irrigation Type</b>	Minimal Drip Irrigation
<b>Picking Method &amp; Date</b>	Hand Picked, February 2017

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	De-Stemmed and Pressed
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel Tanks
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Lees Aging</b>	None
<b>Oak Aging</b>	None
<b>Malolactic Fermentation</b>	None
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	None
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Isinglass and Bentonite
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 13.5% TA 4.8g/L pH 3.56 RS 6.3g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	May 2017

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	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.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	1 to 3 years from vintage

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Gold Medal	Michelangelo International Wine Awards	2017
Silver Medal	International Wine & Spirits Competition	2017

