

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH SHIRAZ 2011

INTRODUCTION

Shiraz is a fairly newly introduced variety to Rustenberg, first planted in the late 1990's on warm West-facing slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain it has rapidly made its mark in a number of wines and blends. The Stellenbosch Shiraz exhibits all the hallmarks of great Shiraz: red and dark fruits and a touch of spice in a wine that is medium bodied, approachable and designed to be enjoyed in its youth. We recommend decanting this wine before serving.

VINTAGE

Despite a dry Winter, there was plenty of water when required in the hot Summer months to get the vineyards to mature naturally without excessive irrigation. Good vineyard canopies allowed optimum light penetration for uniform ripening and development of good colour and flavour. At harvest, the berries came in at lovely low sugars due to cool conditions and were packed with flavour.

VINEYARDS

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Varietal Blended	100% Shiraz
Soil Types	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
Trellising/Pruning System	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
Irrigation Type	Drip irrigation
Picking Method & Date	Hand Picked, February – March 2011

WINEMAKING

Extraction Method	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel Tanks
Yeast	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
Extended Maceration	None
Oak Aging	16 Months
Age and Type of Oak	98% French oak and 2% American oak barrels
Fining Agents Used	Egg White (Albumen)
Final Analysis	Alc v/v: 14.31% (14.5% on label) TA 5.6g/L pH 3.62 RS 2.65g/L
Bottling Date	November 2012

WINE

Tasting Note	This Shiraz has plenty of natural brambly red and black fruit on the well-defined nose. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine line of acidity, crisp tannins and expressive red berry fruit mixed with spice and cloves on the finish.
Aging Potential	Designed for early drinking +7 years from vintage.



ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Gold Medal	Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show	2013
Silver Outstanding Medal	International Wine and Spirits Competition	2013
Silver Medal	International Wine Challenge	2013
Silver Medal	Decanter World Wine Awards	2013
Top 100 SA Wine	Top 100 South African Wine Awards	2013
90 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2013