

# RUSTENBERG WINES

## STELLENBOSCH SHIRAZ 2012

### 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

After a wet, cold Winter there was plenty of water available when required in the mild Summer months to ensure that the vineyards matured naturally, without undue stress. During the harvest, perfect phenolic ripeness was achieved at low sugar levels with soft, ripe tannins in the reds and plenty of flavour and acidity in the whites after longer than usual hang times in a cool growing season.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Varietal Blended</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Soil Types</b>	Glenrosa, Bainsvlei and Hutton
<b>Trellising/Pruning System</b>	VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioned), 2 Node Spur Pruned
<b>Irrigation Type</b>	Drip irrigation
<b>Picking Method &amp; Date</b>	Hand Picked, March 2012

### WINEMAKING

<b>Extraction Method</b>	Crushed and De-stemmed Fruit, Pumped Over During Ferment
<b>Fermentation Vessel</b>	Stainless Steel Tanks
<b>Yeast</b>	Cultured Active Dry Wine Yeast
<b>Extended Maceration</b>	None
<b>Oak Aging</b>	16 Months
<b>Age and Type of Oak</b>	98% French oak and 2% American oak barrels
<b>Fining Agents Used</b>	Egg Albumin
<b>Final Analysis</b>	Alc v/v: 13.74% (13.5% on label) TA 5.4g/L pH 3.71 RS 3.3g/L
<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 2013

### WINE

<b>Tasting Note</b>	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.
<b>Aging Potential</b>	Designed for early drinking +7 years from vintage.

### ACCOLADES

AWARD	COMPETITION/PUBLICATION	YEAR/EDITION
Silver Outstanding	International Wine and Spirits Competition	2014
Silver Medal	Veritas Wine Awards, SA	2014
89 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	2014

