

RUSTENBERG WINES

STELLENBOSCH SHIRAZ 2014

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

The vineyards emerged from a deep, long dormancy after the wet and cold Winter of 2013 into ideal spring conditions resulting in high cropping levels across all varieties. The summer of 2014 was cool with no major heatwaves and intermittent rain resulting in the production of lower alcohol white wines that enjoyed a longer than usual ripening period, while the reds from this vintage display restraint and finesse.

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, March 2014

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% TA 5.7g/L pH 3.56 RS 3.4g/L
Bottling Date	October 2015

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
Top 100 / Double Platinum	National Wine Challenge / Top 100 SA Wines	2016
Gold Medal	Michelangelo International Wine Awards	2016
Silver Medal	International Wine and Spirit Competition	2016

