

Rustenberg Five Soldiers 2004

We aged this wine for 18 months in the bottle before release. The result is a unique wine that is impressive of the best that South African Chardonnay has to offer. It has an unmatched mineral and concentration in the aromas as well as the palate. A structured wine that is well suited for ageing.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Rustenberg Wines

winemaker : Adi Badenhorst

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.29 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.21 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : White wooded

pack : Bottle

ageing : Up to 6 years from vintage.

in the vineyard : Situation: North West slopes of the Helderberg Mountain

Altitude: 200m

Distance from sea: ± 7km

Soil type: Decomposed granite (Hutton)

Rootstock: Unknown

Age of vines: 20 Years

Trellising: Vertically shoot positioned

Pruning: 2 node spur pruning

Irrigation: Drip Irrigation

in the cellar : A very small vineyard once again produced exceptional fruit in 2004. Whole bunch pressed directly to cask for natural fermentation and maturation of 15 months. 100% Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally.

Oak used: 225 L Burgundian barrels. 70% new oak for 15 months.

Bottling date: May 2005

