

Rustenberg Stellenbosch Syrah 2004

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Deep purple inky hues. Hugely impressive aromatic spectrum reminiscent of great Rhône wines. The aromas start off savoury and meaty, then develop very concentrated and complex perfume and spice notes with cloves, cinnamon and violets being prominent. The palate entry exhibits tremendous concentration of flavour and fruit tannin, which surprisingly finishes fresh and dry.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Syrah

winery : Rustenberg Wines

winemaker : Adi Badenhorst

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.83 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.86 ta : 6.5 g/l

type : Red style : Dry wooded

pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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ageing : Up to 12 years from vintage.

in the vineyard :

Situation: Simonsberg Mountain, Stellenbosch

Altitude: 200 m

Distance from sea: ±25 km

Soil type: Oakleaf (Tukulu)

Rootstock: 101 - 14 Mgt

Age of vines: 7 - 24 Years

Trellising: Vertically shoot positioned

Pruning: 2 Bud spur pruning

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested in March 2004.

Grape analysis:

Acidity: 5.8 g/l

pH: 3.6

Sugar: 25.1° Balling

Yield: 3.5 t/ha

