

Rustenberg Stellenbosch Syrah 2009

Deep purple, inky hues characterise this wine. The aromas are initially savoury and meaty, developing into a very concentrated and complex perfume with prominent spicy notes of cloves, cinnamon and violets. The palate entry exhibits tremendous concentration of flavour and has gratifying length.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Syrah

winery : Rustenberg Wines

winemaker : Randolph Christians

wine of origin : Simonsberg-Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.46 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.63 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

International Wine Challenge 2012 - Bronze
Silver - Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

ageing : 8 - 10 years from vintage

in the vineyard : The heat wave that began in February 2009 caused rapid sugar ripeness, so judicious irrigation regimes had to be implemented in order to maintain a healthy canopy during the late ripening period. A cool spring and early summer made for an excellent vintage, particularly for the early-ripening varieties.

Cultivar: 100% Syrah (all fruit from Rustenberg)

Situation: Simonsberg Mountain, Stellenbosch

Wine of Origin: Simonsberg-Stellenbosch

Altitude: 300m

Distance from sea: ± 25km

Soil Type: Oakleaf (Tukula / Hutton)

Root Stock: 101-14 Mgt

Age of Vines: Planted in 2000

Trellising: Vertically shoot-positioned

Pruning: 2-bud Spur-pruning

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

about the harvest: Harvested: 2nd April 2009

Grape Analysis

Acidity: 4.9 g/l | pH: 3.67 | Sugar: 25.1° Balling

Yield: 7.8 tons / Ha

Bottled: December 2010

in the cellar : The Syrah grapes were naturally fermented with aerated pump-overs, followed by 1 week extended maceration and Malolactic Fermentation (MLF) in oak barrels.

Oak Used: 38% new and 62% 2nd-fill French 225 Litre barrels.

Matured in oak for 19 months.

Main Yeasts Used: Natural

Barcodes

6 00 2251 120 043 (750ml bottle; local)

66 918 0000 41 7 (750ml bottle; USA)

2 600 2251 120 047 (6x750ml; local)

66 918 0000 42 4 (12x750ml; USA)

Case (6) Dimensions: 302mm (H) x 170mm (W) x 258mm (L)



Case (12) Dimensions: 304mm (H) x 252mm (W) x 334mm (L)