

Rustenberg Chardonnay Five Soldiers 2010

Full fruit flavours and soft tannins, together with good aromatics and ideal acidity, made 2010 an excellent vintage. Another great year for Chardonnay!

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Rustenberg Wines

winemaker : Randolph Christians

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.74 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.7 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry **body** : Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

Gold - Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2012
Silver - Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

ageing : 10 - 15 years from vintage

in the vineyard : A cold, wet winter in 2009 allowed for the lovely, even budding of the vineyards during spring, and the warm, sunny days that followed in summer resulted in great flavour and colour development in the berries.

Cultivar: 100% Chardonnay (all fruit from Rustenberg)
Situation: Simonsberg Mountain, Stellenbosch
Altitude: 300m - 450m
Distance from sea: ± 25km
Soil Type: Decomposed granite (Tukulu / Hutton)
Root Stock: Unknown
Age of Vines: Planted in 1988
Trellising: Vertically shoot-positioned
Pruning: 2-bud Spur-pruning
Irrigation: Drip irrigation.

about the harvest: The grapes for Five Soldiers Chardonnay were harvested on February 11th, 2010 from vines growing on decomposed granite soil. Carefully selected bunches were harvested at 22.4° Balling, 7.8 total acid and 3.18 pH.

Harvest Date: mid-February 2009.
Yield: 4 tons / Ha (±2700 Litres / 10 000m²)

in the cellar : The grapes were whole bunch pressed, very gently and the juice drained to 74% new Burgundian and 26% 2nd fill 300 litre barrels for natural fermentation. Bi-weekly stirring (batonage) were exercised to enhance extraction of flavour and aromatics and to aid the process of natural malo-lactic fermentation. After 15 months, the wine was racked from barrel for stabilization and bottling.

Oak Used: 300 litre Burgundian barrels; 74% new oak for 15 months
Main Yeast Used: Natural

Bottling date: 20 June 2011

Barcodes

6 00 2251 000 116 (750ml bottle; local)
66 918 0000 18 9 (750ml bottle; USA)
2 600 2251 000 110 (6x750ml; local)
66 918 0000 36 3 (12x750ml; USA)

