

## Rustenberg Ida's Red 2012

This well-structured red blend reveals red berry fruit aromas and flavours with hints of spices on the palate.

The wine is named after a lady rumoured to have been a particularly close friend of Simon van der Stel, the first Governor of the Cape.

**variety** : Merlot | 37% Merlot, 29% Shiraz, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

**winery** : Rustenberg Wines

**winemaker** : Randolph Christians

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : alc : 13.6 % vol   rs : 3.49 g/l   pH : 3.57   ta : 5.45 g/l

**type** : Red   **style** : Dry

**pack** : Bottle   **closure** : Cork

**in the vineyard** : Vineyards had perfect canopies - allowing optimum light penetration for the ripening of bunches and development of good colour.

Altitude: 300 - 420m

Distance from sea: 7 - 25km

Soil Type: Decomposed granite (Tukulu / Hutton) & Sale

Root Stock: R99; R110; 101-14

Age Of Vines: 10 - 21 years

Trellising: Vertical shoot-positioned

Pruning: 2-Bud Spur-pruning

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

**about the harvest**: Overall 2011 was a harvest that brought a smile to a weary Viticulturists face!

Although we had a dry winter, there was plenty of water when required in the hot summer months to get the vineyards to mature naturally without undue stress.

At harvest, perfect phenolic ripeness with lovely soft, ripe tannins was achieved. The berries came in at lovely low sugars due to cool conditions at harvest, awesome colour and great quality berries.

Harvested: Mid-February - end March 2011

Grape analysis

Total Acidity: 4.75 - 6.75g/l | pH: 3.40 - 3.68 | Sugar: 24.9° - 25.4° Balling

**in the cellar** : Primary fermentation occurred in tanks, followed by Malolactic Fermentation (MLF) and maturation in French and American barrels.

Oak Used: 2nd-fill French and American barrels for 9 months

Bottled: January 2012

Barcodes

6 002 2511 00 434 (750ml bottle; local)

2 600 2251 100 438 (6x750ml; local)

Case (6) Dimensions : 301mm (H) x 156mm (W) x 227mm (L)

