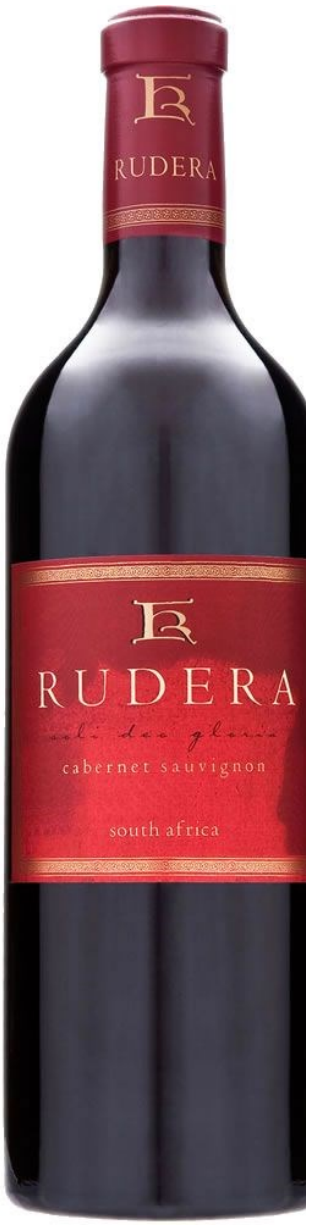
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Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

vision of inky-purple and brick-red hues, bears promise to intense flavours of black currents, blue gum, ripe cherries, tea leaf and vanilla on the nose, excellent fruit concentration exploding on the palate, with bright acidity and firm but fine tannins resulting in a voluptuous mouth feel and powerful, gripping finish. A classic Cabernet Sauvignon that shows beautifully now, but begs for another 5 to 10 years in bottle, to develop to full potential.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
winery : Rudera Wines
winemaker : Chris Keet
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.56 % vol **rs :** 1.9 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.9 g/l **va :** 0.68 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon has achieved the following accolades:

- Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 rated 4½ in the John Platter South African Wines Guide 2014 edition
- Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 scored four and a half stars at The Christian Eedes Top Ten Cabernet Sauvignons for 2013
- The Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 scored 90+/100 in Robert Parker, Jr's The Wine Advocate Issue 145; and 90/100 in Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar Issue 107. John Platter South African Wines Guide 2002 rated the 2000 vintage 4 stars.
- The 2001 followed with a 91 in The Wine Spectator Weekly of 5 August 2004 and 4½ stars in the John Platter South African Wines Guide 2005.
- The Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 vintage was awarded 5 stars in the John Platter South African Wines Guide 2007; and scored 90+/100 in Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar March / April 2007 Issue.
- The Wine Spectator awarded the Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 vintage 90/100 in the April 30, 2007 Issue; and Platter's South African Wines Guide 2009 scored this vintage 4 stars.
- The Rudera Cabernet 2005 received 4½ stars in the Platter's South African Wines Guide 2009; The Wine Spectator, April 2009 scored the Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 91/100
- The Rudera Cabernet 2006 received 4½ stars in the Platter's South African Wines Guide 2010.
- The Rudera Cabernet 2008 received 4 stars in the Platter's South African Wines Guide 2011.
- In May 2012, the Wine Enthusiast gave a rating of 91 points for the elegant Rudera Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 and singled it out as an Editor's Choice – a distinction awarded to but a few select wines of excellent quality.
- The Rudera Cabernet 2009 received 4½ stars in the Platter's South African Wines Guide 2013.

ageing : Drinking exceptionally well now and will reward five years in bottle.

in the vineyard : The Cabernet Sauvignon blanc vineyard is situated at the foothills of the Simonsberg mountain west of Stellenbosch and is just a few kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. The temperatures during the ripening season in January and February average at 23.7 and 21.8 respectively, and with the sandstone-derived gravel soils, conditions are ideal for premium quality Cabernet.

about the harvest: Sorting was done in the vineyard, followed by berry selection in the cellar before crush.

in the cellar : Sorting was done in the vineyard, followed by berry selection in the cellar before crush. The grapes were fermented with inoculated yeast (WE372) and pumped over three times per day. Fermentation was at 31°C and lasted five days. Extended skin contact lasted a total of 18 days. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine was racked using only gravitation. This was done for the first time after malolactic fermentation, and again three months later. The wine matured in barriques for 22 months.