

Rustenberg Five Soldiers 2000

A complex array of characters that only shows with time in the glass. Tremendous concentration on the palate, with flavours of almond, peach and spice. Balanced with great persistence on the palate.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Rustenberg Wines

winemaker : Adi Badenhorst

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.94 % vol rs : 2.40 g/l pH : 3.24 ta : 6.16 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle

The South African Trophy Wine Show 2002 - Bronze

4 Stars - John Platter Wine Guide 2003

90 Points - James Molesworth's Top-Scoring Wines from South Africa (Wine Spectator - May 2002)

ageing : Up to five years.

in the vineyard : Situation: North West slopes of the Helderberg Mountain

Altitude: 200m

Distance from sea: approx. 7km

Soil Type: Decomposed granite (Hutton)

Rootstock: Unknown

Ages of vines: 16 Years

Trellising: Vertically shoot positioned

Pruning: 2 node spur pruning

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked in the cool of the morning of the 9th February 2000.

Yield: 4.2 tons/hectare

in the cellar : The grapes were destemmed and pressed directly to barrel with a high percentage of solids. Natural fermentation took several months and the wine underwent partial malolactic fermentation. Ageing took place in barrel on gross lees for 15 months, during which battonage was employed bi-monthly.

