

## ESTATE VINEYARDS SYRAH, RUST EN VREDE

Vintage

2020



Since 1977 Rust en Vrede has specialised in the exclusive production of red wine from estate vines, with the focus on Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

### TASTING NOTE

Rich black fruit with a floral perfume of musk. Blackberry compote, blueberries and ripe damson plum combine with spicy paprika, sweet red pepper and sandalwood. Round, juicy black fruit follows on the palate, with intense black cherry, crème de cassis and chilli chocolate. Layers of complex flavours are revealed as the wine opens. Refined tannins are well integrated with the intense fruit, balanced by zesty acidity. Full bodied and structured with a long finish of blueberry and black pepper.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The vintage of 2020 had good, cool growing conditions with a wet October that luckily did not affect flowering. Very little rain and wind in November was ideal for berry set. Cool and dry conditions during ripening allowed tannins to develop without the accumulation of sugar, resulting in smooth, ripe tannins. Optimal conditions meant that harvesting took place as expected, albeit rushed to finish ahead of the Covid lockdown.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.3	1.7
pH	Acidity
3.44	5.7

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

Estate grown grapes are hand-harvested and partially destemmed, with 15% of the grapes kept as whole bunches. Fermentation takes place in open-top fermenters with manual punch-downs and pump-overs performed 2 to 4 times daily. Maceration continues for 14 to 21 days. Parcels and clones are vinified separately. Wine is matured in 500L French oak barrels for 18 months using a combination of 16% new and 84% seasoned oak.

### AWARDS

Platter: 94 pts

Wine Spectator: 91 pts

### ATTRIBUTES

 Origin South Africa	 Variety Shiraz (Syrah)	 Malolactic Fermentation Yes	 Bottle Size 75cl	 Vegetarian Yes
 Winemaker Coenie Snyman	 Finning Agent	 Closure Cork	 Region Stellenbosch	 Vegan Yes