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RM NICHOLSON, RUSTENBERG

Vintage 2025

RUSTENBERG WINES

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Named after a former Rustenberg owner-winemaker, Reginald (Reg) Merriman Nicholson, who lived and worked on the farm for 30 years.

TASTING NOTE

Blackcurrant aromas are complemented by scents of dried herbs and notes of black pepper and spice, followed by serious structure from the Bordeaux varieties and finishing off with softness from the Shiraz (Shiraz 55%, Cabernet Sauvignon 27%, Merlot 18%

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Winter of 2024 arrived later than usual, with the record rainfall and cold temperatures experienced in July allowing for the vineyards to transition into dormancy. This later than usual onset of dormancy resulted in late budding for many grape varieties. Budding and berry set were even, and the cooler, moderate and dry growing season set the scene for the vintage. There was a brief heat spike at the end of December, however, January was cool and dry with big day/night temperature changes, resulting in excellent acidity and freshness being a hallmark of the vintage. February and March were near perfect for ripening, being warm and dry with little disease pressure and no heat wave conditions to stress the vineyards at this crucial time. The result of these conditions was a remarkable, cellar-worthy vintage. The reds are some of the best seen since 2015 with excellent concentration, depth of colour and structure. The whites have wonderful flavour development, fruit intensity and freshness.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.0	1.8
pH	**Acidity**
3.52	5.6

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Grapes were hand-picked and crushed and de-stemmed on arriving at the winery. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks with regular pump overs and an extended maceration of up to seven days. After primary fermentation the wine was transferred to 10% new and 95% second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-fill French oak barrels for 15 months' maturation.

ATTRIBUTES

Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	Red Blend	Yes	75cl	Yes

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Murray Barlow	Egg white	Screw top	Stellenbosch	No