

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON, RUSTENBERG

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Vintage

2017



Stellenbosch and the Simonsberg range are synonymous with great Cabernet Sauvignon: just over one third of Rustenberg's plantings are dedicated to it.

### TASTING NOTE

The wine shows typical Cabernet Sauvignon flavour and aroma profiles of dark berries and tobacco with a well-structured and lengthy palate.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The winter of 2016 was dry but cold as drought conditions persisted in the Western Cape. Despite the drought, a warm, dry spring and little wind meant that there was little disease pressure and little stress on the vineyards beyond the heat. Harvest started slightly earlier than usual but was 10 days later than the record early start of the 2016 vintage. Careful use of irrigation to offset the dry drought conditions and cold nights experienced during the first four months of the year resulted in superb quality, and wonderful acidity, colour and flavour concentration in the wines.

#### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.0	2.7
рН	Acidity
3.57	5.3

### 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 20% new, 40% second-, 20% third-and 20% fourth-fill French 225L oak barrels for 15 months' maturation.

## **ATTRIBUTES**

