SECKFORD AGENCIES

RUSTENBERG WINES

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JOHN X MERRIMAN, RUSTENBERG

Vintage 2024



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.0	1.6
pH	**Acidity**
3.50	5.6

Named after a former owner of Rustenberg, John Xavier Merriman, who bought the farm in 1892 in sympathy with farmers suffering from the phylloxera crisis.

TASTING NOTE

The 2022 blend consists of Cabernet Sauvignon 56%, Merlot 34%, Malbec 6% and Petit Verdot 4%. Cassis, black currant and dark fruits complemented with cigar tobacco and sour cherry notes.

(Half bottles available - enquire for vintage)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Winter of 2023 was cold and wet, as was the season's Spring, leading to the late budding of many varieties. While the excellent ground water availability was welcome, the early growing conditions were challenging due to the influence of rain. The resultant humidity, and at other times high winds, ultimately resulted in lower cropping levels. As Summer progressed, the influence of the El Nino weather phenomenon brought ideal warm, dry ripening conditions, as well as an early start and end to the vintage, a relief from the past few wetter harvests. The overall quality of the wines produced across the board in 2024 was superb.

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 oak barriques (35% new French; 65% second- and third-fill) for 20 months' maturation.

AWARDS

DWWA: Silver
Tim Atkin MW: 93 pts

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	Cork	Simonsberg - Stellenbosch	No