

PETER BARLOW CABERNET SAUVIGNON, RUSTENBERG

Vintage

2017



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.5	2.9
pH	Acidity
3.63	6.3

Peter Barlow bought the Rustenberg farm in 1941, reuniting the property, restoring its buildings and investing in its potential to make world class wines.

TASTING NOTE

The oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard on the estate is named the Peter Barlow block and consistently produces powerful, long-lived Cabernet Sauvignon that is given the best possible treatment in the cellar. Concentrated cassis, black cherries and some herbaceousness can be found on the nose and palate. Rustenberg recommend decanting Peter Barlow before drinking.

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. Indications are that 2017 will be an excellent vintage with plenty of potential to age well.

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 two weeks. After primary fermentation the wine was transferred to oak barriques (64% new, 36% second- and third-fill French oak barrels) for 24 months' maturation.

ATTRIBUTES

 Origin South Africa	 Variety Cabernet Sauvignon	 Malolactic Fermentation Yes	 Bottle Size 75cl	 Vegetarian Yes
 Winemaker Murray Barlow	 Finning Agent Egg white	 Closure Cork	 Region Stellenbosch	 Vegan No

