



RUST EN VREDE

STELLENBOSCH

ESTATE 2015

History

Established in 1694, Rust en Vrede is proud to be part of a remarkable three hundred year old wine tradition. Since 1977 the Engelbrecht family has specialized in the exclusive production of red wine, with the focus on Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Proprietor Jean Engelbrecht has worked to maintain Rust en Vrede as one of South Africa's premium red wine estates, with full-bodied and complex wines that reflect the uniqueness of its Stellenbosch terroir.

Climate and Soil

Mediterranean climate with precisely 715mm rainfall during vintage growing season. Rust en Vrede is a warmer microcosm in the Helderberg area, which is why we specialize in reds, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah which lend themselves to full bodied wines with powerful structure. Our vineyards are planted on Tukulu soil which derives from Helderberg granite and Table Mountain sandstone, showing good water retention which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years, A higher amount of sandstone allows more drainage which results in weaker growth and more intense wines, carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.

Vintage

Early bud break and very dry conditions in the months following resulted in irrigation management being used. This led to a short and challenging harvest. Harvest volume was normal, up by 0.8%. The 2015 vintage is well structured with a lighter body and linear fruit expression.

Tasting Notes

The 2015 Estate is medium to full-bodied with a dark core and dense crimson rim. The fine vintage has dialled the Estate up to another level in 2015. Inky blueberries and black cherries are reined in by earthy, black truffle and iron-like notes. The balance of savoury herbs, liquorice, graphite and elegant perfume gives the wine a magical edge. One third Shiraz offers super-rich, fruit-coated tannins that are seamlessly knit with the classy Cabernet Sauvignon. The oak is beautifully judged as the finish is long and silky. It is debonair and yet somehow weightless. The Estate 2015 will age well for 10-15 years as the powerful tannins integrate further.

*Aging Potential: 10 to 15 years.
Serving temperature: 14 to 16° Celsius.
Date tasted: 12th January 2018*

57% Cabernet Sauvignon
34% Syrah, 9% Merlot

APPELLATION

Rust en Vrede Estate,
Stellenbosch

HARVEST DATE:

12 Feb – 3 March (Merlot)
26 Feb – 11 March (Cab Sauv)
25 Feb – 9 March (Syrah)

MACERATION

Cab Sauv – 31 days
Syrah – 21 days
Merlot – 14 days

OAK

Malolactic Fermentation in
Barrel. 18 months in 100%
French oak with medium toast

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.60%
pH 3.57
Acidity 5.8g/l
Res. Sugar 3.2g/l

BOTTLING DATE:

3 February 2017

RELEASE DATE:

March 2018

VITICULTURIST

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WINEMAKER

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