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Rust en Vrede Estate 1999

Background

First to specialize in the exclusive production of red wine only, Rust en Vrede is now South Africa's Premium red wine estate. Our full-bodied, new-oak matured wines are a manifestation of the supremacy of the Stellenbosch region when it comes to the making of truly great red wines.

Rust en Vrede is proud to be part of this and continues to pursue the excellence that has characterized wines from Stellenbosch and specifically our private estates, which undoubtedly are the heartbeat of this magnificent region.

Grape Variety: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Shiraz
9% Merlot

Appellation : Stellenbosch

Winemaker : Louis Strydom

Analysis : Alcohol – 13vol%
: pH – 3.68
: Acidity – 5.9 g/l
: Res. sugar – 1,8 g/l



Climate

Mediterranean –rainfall ± 650mm per annum. Vineyards situated on north facing slopes and at the end of the valley hence slightly warmer conditions.

Soil

Deep red soils. A mixture of weathered granite and a small percentage of clay, Clovelly and Hutton structure.

Vinification / Maturing

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot was vinified separately and left to mature in 300 L French and American oak barrels for 18 months. The wine was then blended and bottled and left to mature another 18 months.

Tasting Notes

Colour, Intense, almost black colour. **Aroma**- Initial earthiness opens up to an array of berry flavours with a touch of eucalyptus.

Palate - Rich, full-bodied and complex in character. Chewy and savoury, yet delicate and refined, finishing with a pleasant lingering aftertaste of roasted almonds. Truly a wine with finesse.

THIS WINE

There are good wines, great wines and excellent wines. At Rust en Vrede we are in pursuit of only one. You be the judge. – J. E.