

THE STELLENBOSCH RESERVE

SYRAH 2020



Variety: 100% Syrah
Winery: Rust en Vrede
Winemaker: Danielle le Roux
Wine of origin: Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa
Alcohol: 14.23%
Analysis: TA: 5.7 g/L pH: 3.44 RS: 2.0 g/L
Bottle size: 750ml
Closure: Cork
SKU #: 843930

TASTING NOTE

2020 had all the hallmarks of an excellent vintage. Sustained moderate day temperatures through the growing season, with timeous seasonal rainfall, laid the foundation for a good season. The resulting bigger yield showed high quality, from which we expect first-class wines. Grapes are selected from various sites located in the Stellenbosch region, with each site contributing different characteristics to create complexity in the wine.

Fermentation took place in open-top stainless-steel fermenters. A portion of the grapes was fermented with stems to add spicy character and freshness. During fermentation, pump-overs and punch-downs were performed 3 times daily. Parcels were vinified separately and blended before bottling. A combination of 300L and 500L seasoned French oak barrels were used for a maturation period of 18 months. Parcels were vinified separately and blended before bottling.

Perfumed aromas of violet combine with rich black fruit – plum, cassis and black berry. The bold fruit is tempered by savoury spiciness on the palate, with bay leaf, allspice, and a hint of cured meat. Fine tannins add a bit of grip, and the wine has a long dry finish.

SERVE WITH

Beef, Lamb, Game meats, Spicy food, Mature and hard cheese.

NOTEWORTHY SCORES/AWARDS

90 points (4*) - John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2021

ABOUT THE STELLENBOSCH RESERVE WINES

In 2005, two friends (Dillie Malherbe and Jannie Durand) of Jean Englebrecht (from Rust en Vrede Wines) came up with an idea to create a wine that would not only embody all that is Stellenbosch, but also a wine that would pay homage to our great town. From their first vintage in 2006, the wine known as Stellenbosch Ridge, would comprise a blend of different varietals for every vintage. From the 2009 vintage the decision was made that in the future this wine will only be produced as a Bordeaux blend and with the onset of the 2013 vintage whereby a white wine is added to the line up and it has officially become known as The Stellenbosch Reserve.