

RUSTENBERG WINES

UNUSUAL VARIETALS MAKE THEIR MARK AT RUSTENBERG WINES

Rustenberg is well known for its classic Bordeaux-style reds and Chardonnays however we have always had a lesser-known love for varieties that are unusual and not typically grown in South Africa on a large scale. Rustenberg has long been producing the Stellenbosch Roussanne, and have now added another "unusual" to their line-up.

Rustenberg is proud to present the newest product in our range:

Rustenberg Stellenbosch Grenache

Grenache Noir was first planted on Rustenberg in 2001. The variety is best known for producing very expressive, lighter styled, quality wines once vines have had a number of years to establish themselves. Through careful vineyard management of the variety, the vines naturally high yields can be tamed. Being typically light in colour, low in tannin and medium-bodied, Grenache is the ideal red wine to drink on its own or to pair with tapas style foods and cured meats.

Our first bottled vintage of this lighter-bodied Mediterranean varietal is the 2015, which was an exceptional vintage for Stellenbosch in many ways, and a great way to introduce the wine. The cold, wet winter of 2014 started early and ended late, which is ideal for the vineyards' dormancy; however an unseasonably cool spring resulted in the vines going into summer with 10 to 40% less crop than usual. The remainder of the season was warm and dry resulting in one of the earliest harvests on record. Zero disease pressure and small crops of fantastic ripe fruit combined with high natural acids make this potentially the vintage of the decade.

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