

RUST EN VREDE

(STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE)

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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 specialised in the exclusive production of red wine, with the focus on Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Proprietor Jean Engelbrecht has worked to establish Rust en Vrede as one of South Africa's premium red wine estates, with full-bodied and complex wines that reflect the uniqueness of the Stellenbosch terroir.

Estate 2021

CSPC# 716843

750mlx6

14.4% alc./vol.

The Estate is our flagship blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Merlot, produced and blended in proportion to our vineyard plantings. The Estate blend is the emblematic wine of Rust en Vrede. The blend is made up of the proportions of varieties planted on Rust en Vrede, making it the most honest reflection of our terroir. Selected four times by Wine Spectator as one of the top 100 wines in the World.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.70 g/l	pH: 3.58	Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l
Grape Variety	59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Syrah, 10% Merlot.		
Winemaker	Coenie Snyman		
Vintage	Cool, wet conditions during the winter of 2020 replenished water reserves and provided sufficient water to saturate soil and return water levels to pre-drought levels. This resulted in very vigorous growth in the vineyards, meaning careful vineyard management was required, especially to curb vigorous growth during spring. Flowering and fruit set conditions were ideal, with an average crop set, followed by a moderate growing season. We then experienced a cool ripening season in 2021, with late ripening and minimal precipitation during the harvest period. Ideal conditions that allowed grapes to ripen slowly, retaining good acidity while developing phenolics.		
Vineyards	Named to reflect the planting on the property, the grapes for this wine come from 22 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon, 7 hectares of Syrah and 1 hectare of Merlot. Our north-facing vineyards are planted on Tukulu soil, derived from Helderberg granite and Table Mountain sandstone. Small deposits of ironstone show good water retention, which allows for only moderate vine stress during dry years. A higher amount of sandstone provides good drainage, resulting in weaker growth and more intense wines, carefully monitored and supplemented by drip irrigation.		
Harvest	2 Mar - 1 Apr 2021		
Vinification/ Maturation	Made only from Estate-grown grapes that are picked and sorted by hand. Harvest parcels and clones are vinified separately. Harvested grapes are destemmed, crushed and pumped into open-top fermentation tanks where they undergo a 21-day maceration period involving a 7-day fermentation with pump-overs and manual punch-downs 2-4 times daily. Barrel maturation in 100% French oak barrels (20% new, 20% 2nd fill, 20% 3rd fill, 40% 4th fill), in 300l barrels for 18 months.		
Tasting Notes	Distinctive crème de cassis, ripe black cherries, sandalwood, cinnamon and a hint of red cherry combine to provide a layered and complex nose. Focused and harmonious on the palate, with fine grained, coating tannins, a fresh, sour cherry acidity, and flavours of cassis, leather and dried Italian herbs. Concentrated black currant and chocolate on the long finish. Released September 2024.		
Cellaring	10 to 15 years.		
Serve with	A well-aged piece of beef cooked or any red meat dishes. This wine will also pair brilliantly with a steak, salty chips and a garden salad.		
Scores/Awards	94 points (4.5*) - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2025		

