

## Rust en Vrede Estate

Annandale Road 021 881 3881

fax; 021 881 3000

GPS; S33°59'54.0"E018°51'22.5"

Website: [www.rustenvrede.com](http://www.rustenvrede.com)

email: [info@rustenvrede.com](mailto:info@rustenvrede.com)

Owner(s): Jean Engelbrecht

Winemaker(s): Danielle le Roux

WO; Stellenbosch

Classy and glossy estate, with fine dining and fine wines. Not cheap, but there is serious intent on perfection here, and any tasting will impress.



*Vintage Score best drinking*

### Donkiesbaai Steen

RRR

**2019:** straw depth, lighter style with nuts and yellow fruits, lots of dried peel and texture, just needs time.

**2019 89 2020-2028**

### Estate Merlot

RRR

**2015:** savoury grip and deep ruby hue with good fruit intensity if lacking identity.

**2015 86 2016-2026**

**2016:** pale depth, mid weight with some lightness of cherry fruits, tangy and clean and impressive.

**2016 87 2017-2028**

**2017:** dark and spicy with leafy hint then lashings of black cherry and sweet ripe fruits, deep and alluring.

**2017 90 2018-2029**

### Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

RRR

**2006 91 2007-2018**

**2008 89 2008-2018**

**2009:** mid hues, subdued but serious nose, supportive tannins and rich, deep fruit of burnt cherry. Balanced and long.

**2009 92 2011-2020**

**2015:** mid depth and weight, grippy still, brooding and will improve.

**2015 89 2016-2027**

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>2016:</b> pale garnet and closed at present, deft and focused, with blackcurrant and wood hint finely balanced. Will improve as it opens. | <b>2016</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>2017-2029</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> mauve tinge, just mid weight, young and vibrant with good structure and slow opening silky dark fruits. Needs time.             | <b>2017</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2019-2030</b> |
| <b>2019:</b> fairly reserved with slowly opening quality cassis notes, subtle oak, persistence, accessible tannins and a ripe finish.        | <b>2019</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2020-2029</b> |
| <b>2020:</b> lovely nose then tight, dense fruit intensity, clean, long and complex, one to keep.  | <b>2020</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>2022-2030</b> |
| <b>2021:</b> rich but finely balanced, too young to really show but already in harmony.  | <b>2021</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>2023-2032</b> |

### Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

RRRR

|   |             |           |                  |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>2014:</b> rich and decadent, smooth and silky tannins, lots of textured fruit not at its best yet.   | <b>2014</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2016-2032</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> youthful and firm, with cassis and wood notes, forest floor and blackberry, focussed, layered and remaining distinguished.           | <b>2015</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2017-2033</b> |
| <b>2016:</b> mid depth and feel, distinguished and with precision, dusty cedar and blackcurrant, very dry and needing 3 years more.               | <b>2016</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>2018-2030</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> barrel sample shows dry, rich and intense core fruit, ripe and full and grippy, will be superb.                                      | <b>2017</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2021-2034</b> |
| <b>2018:</b> shiny bright reserved and dry on the nose and palate, nice oak balance, tactile and tight yet but showing classy ripe fruit to come. | <b>2018</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>2020-2030</b> |

### Estate Syrah

RRR

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
|  | <b>2005</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2008-2020</b> |
|  | <b>2008</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2008-2018</b> |
| <b>2009:</b> rich, dark colour, black fruits under a perfumed nose of violets and spice. Rhone style but with fruit intensity. Delicious and | <b>2009</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2011-2029</b> |

|   |             |           |                  |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| long on the palate.   |             |           |                  |
| <b>2015:</b> soft and silky, with bramble hedgerow fruit and spice, a touch hot.                                | <b>2015</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>2016-2026</b> |
| <b>2016:</b> fresh and elegant, with lace tannins, sensual dark fruits, full and generous and very fine indeed. | <b>2016</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2018-2030</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> gently extracted and lighter styled, less spicy plums but supple, juicy and friendly.              | <b>2017</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2018-2028</b> |
| <b>2018:</b> mid ruby shine, shy nose with dusty plum fruit, lighter style, accessible and pleasant.            | <b>2018</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>2019-2029</b> |

## Single Vineyard Syrah

RRRR

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>2009:</b> everything a wine should be, opaque, subtle oak, intense, layered flavours, rich, complex, with ripe fruit. Stunning. | <b>2009</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>2012-2030</b> |
| <b>2014:</b> glossy ink hue, mouthcoating and intense with textured fruit, complex and layered, wonderful                          | <b>2014</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2016-2032</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> garnet hue, restrained nose of vanilla and plum, soft and full and comforting, already accessible and impressive.     | <b>2015</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>2017-2032</b> |
| <b>2016:</b> fruit driven and less deep than the '14, with elegance, style and silky mouthfeel, more focussed and balanced.        | <b>2016</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2018-2032</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> clean, focussed fruit precision, soft plum and cassis, balanced and intense yet fresh and stylish.                    | <b>2017</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>2019-2032</b> |

## Estate

RRRR

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
|  | <b>2008</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>2010-2020</b> |
| <b>2009:</b> subdued nose which gradually reveals cigar box and dark forest fruits. A cerebral wine with tannic dryness but rich fruit. Not overly heavy and a finish of pepper and forest. Needs another 5 years. | <b>2009</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2011-2028</b> |
| <b>2013:</b> some fade at five years, but fruit is beautifully   | <b>2013</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>2015-2029</b> |

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| harmonious and ripe, leather and cherry and more forward than the 2015.  |             |           |                  |
| <b>2014:</b> soft approach, ripe mulberry and blackberry fruit, nicely balanced oak and unwinding in the mouth.  | <b>2014</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>2016-2030</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> overt, rich nose, suggests weight but palate is elegant and slinky, with cassis and deep fruits, still tight, but hints of greatness to come. | <b>2015</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>2017-2031</b> |
| <b>2016:</b> brooding, serious nose, sweetly fruited with concentration yet finesse, lush and sensuous and smooth, wonderful.                              | <b>2016</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2018-2032</b> |
| <b>2018:</b> glossy ruby and forward earthy, dark berry nose with dry, leafy mulberry notes and a ripe finish.   | <b>2018</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>2020-2031</b> |

## CWG Estate RRRR

|   |             |           |                  |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>2012:</b> sappy nose, a hint of green opening slowly with clean fruit. Needs time. | <b>2012</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2015-2024</b> |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------------|

## 1694 Classification RRRR

|  |             |           |                  |
|--|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>2007:</b> deep coloured, shiny with blue fruits on the nose. Smooth, pastille like fruit ripeness and intensity. Harmonious and lovely supportive tannins and oak. Mouthfilling and long. | <b>2007</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>2010-2024</b> |
| <b>2015:</b> deeply coloured, sultry nose, vanilla and sweet fruit, red berries and generous flavours. Long, complex and exotic, this is a profound wine and will improve.                   | <b>2015</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2017-2034</b> |
| <b>2016:</b> very sexy smooth black fruit core, pristine and unobscured, crushed dark fruits, fine lace tannins and hidden oak all in total harmony; wonderful.                              | <b>2016</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>2018-2034</b> |
| <b>2017:</b> nicely balanced very dry dusty tannins with smooth and ripe fruit generosity, lots of deep plummy texture. Still young at age five, will improve.                               | <b>2017</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>2020-2032</b> |