

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

## Afrikaans Red 2023 (Vol. VII)

CSPC# 126836

750mlx6

14.33% alc./vol.

*Each vintage has a poem entitled My Taal (My Language) that adorns the back label of the wine. Each volume of poetry is written for the wine by a prominent South African artist. Volume VI was written by singer-songwriter Coenie de Villiers. It weaves together a passion for the Afrikaans language and the vineyards of the Cape, and through its words, brings these wines to life.*

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 5.9 g/l	pH: 3.44	Residual Sugar: 1.4 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cinsault.		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Danielle le Roux		
<b>Vintage</b>	The 2023 growing season for the Afrikaans Vol. VII Red Blend in Stellenbosch was characterized by conditions that produced a bold and expressive wine, noted for its deep ruby color, intense black cherry and cassis aromas, and full-bodied structure. Regarding general weather in South Africa during 2023, based on reported forecasts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 2023: High fire danger warnings were issued for areas in the Northern Cape and Western Cape, including Khai-Ma and Kareeberg.</li><li>• Reports indicated a very cold period toward the end of October.</li><li>• December 2023: Regular, sometimes severe, summer thunderstorms were reported across parts of the country.</li></ul>		
<b>Vineyards</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Stellenbosch while the Cinsault comes from the Piekenierskloof.		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	All the grapes are destemmed, crushed and then fermented in open-top fermenters with regular punch downs up to four times per day. After maceration, the wine is pressed off the skins, Cinsault into 500L and Cabernet into 300L seasoned French oak barrels for 12 months of maturation.		
<b>Winemakers Note</b>	Afrikaans is made to be accessible but structured with rich, ripe fruit to appeal to the palate and encourage another sip. A red and a white wine for every occasion, without complication, without pretension. Welcoming and exuberant, Afrikaans is made for sharing.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Deep ruby in colour with rich aromas of black cherries, cassis, and dark chocolate, layered with a touch of cedar spice. The palate is bold and structured, with firm, ripe tannins and a refined acidity. Dark fruit notes of mulberries and blueberries are complemented by hints of pencil shavings and subtle red plum lending the softness of the Cinsault. A serious, full-bodied wine with a focused finish of cassis.		
<b>Cellaring</b>	2 to 7 years.		
<b>Serve with</b>	Moroccan lamb, grilled vegetables, Thai curry, samosas.		
<b>Production</b>	Approx. 8000 bottles made annually.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>91 points (4.5*) - Cathy Marsten John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2026</b>		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"80/20 traditional Cape blend, no Piekenierskloof component in 2023. Cab's cassis fruit &amp; firm dry tannins to the fore, cinsault's red cherry tucked into the core. Fuller &amp; tighter than 2022 (93 pts), enhanced by 20% new oak, year. Needs time to show more fully.</i> - CM, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines		

