



RARE RUTHERGLEN TOPAQUE

Variety:

Muscadelle.

Age/Classification:

Rare by name and rare by nature, it is the pinnacle of this magnificent style. Blended from only the best parcels of fruit with a base material from the 1970s, it has an average age of 25 years and is the final tier of the four classifications: Rutherglen, Classic, Grand and Rare.

Appearance:

Great depth and density, colour of treacle.

Aroma:

Intense coffee bean and malt extract.

Palate:

Of exceptional quality, this Topaque is luscious and displays great complexity. Layers of espresso and dried fruit reveal itself slowly and evenly with a long, lingering finish.

Food pairing:

Savour with premium quality chocolate or simply on its own to appreciate the full depth and range of flavours.

Cellaring:

This wine has already been matured in barrels. Bottled in small amounts to achieve maximum freshness, we recommend consuming this wine within two years of purchase, as no further ageing will occur in the bottle. It will keep for some months once opened, although we recommend drinking within four weeks so you can enjoy the luscious freshness that is a hallmark of Rutherglen's unique fortified wines.

Winemaking notes:

If a parcel of fruit is regarded as particularly special, it will be kept apart after fortification and may eventually "graduate" to the Grand or Rare solera system. These wines do not come about every year, and are a product of exceptional vintages, combining depth of fruit with complexity of age. We draw off small quantities from our oldest collection of barrels and then fill these barrels with the next oldest collection. The youngest collection is only occasionally refilled, with wines that have already undergone many years of ageing and careful selection. The final blend is a combination of rich and intense parcels to create a wonderfully layered wine, often involving many generations of winemaking patience.

Specifications:

Size: 375 mL Alc/Vol: 18.5% Residual Sugar: 270g/L Titratable Acidity: 5.7g/L pH: 3.74

"Blended with carefully nurtured fortified parcels spanning four generations, this special wine is one to savour amongst family and friends. Even just a small nip fills the palate with lingering, decadent flavours."

Natasha Killeen, Marketing & Communications