



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Style of Wine

Full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon

Heritage

Simonsig has been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1976 and achieved early success with this variety when the 1977 vintage won the General Smuts trophy after being judged as the Champion Wine of South Africa. Over the past decade Simonsig has replanted and expanded its Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards and today has mature vineyards planted with the best clones available in South Africa. These shy bearing vineyards are planted on deep red weathered granite and shale soils with high moisture holding capacity. This minimises the need for irrigation and provides great concentration of flavour. Our terroir in Stellenbosch has proved over many years to be the best area in SA to grow the finest quality red wines.

Vintage Description

2012 Vintage will be remembered as a very dry year. The rainfall of 469mm logged was the lowest since 1976 and 33% below our long-term average. While yields were slightly lower than in 2011, cooler conditions resulted in better quality and more concentrated fruit from smaller berries. January and early February had their customary hot day in the mid-thirties, but the rest of the vintage was quite cool with ideal slow and even paced ripening. The Cabernet Sauvignon ripened slowly. Whilst everyone was anxious to get started the grapes didn't want to be rushed. The first Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on the 29th of March. The increase in sugar levels was slow and this allowed for longer hang time, enable the tannins to mature.

Wood Maturation

21 Months oaking. 74% French Oak 26% American Oak. New Wood 1%, 2nd fill 61%, 3rd fill 1%, 37% Fourth Fill.

Wine Description

The wine has a dense opaque colour. High notes of black berries and black cherries express the seductive notes of cedar, pencil shavings and traces of fynbos. The youthful yet tame tannins create a dry finish filled with black berry fruit pockets.

Cellaring Potential

Soft and perfectly drinkable now but should benefit from further ageing over the next 6 to 8 years.

Serving Suggestions

Rare Roast Beef, Leg of Lamb, grilled veal, braised ribs, flavourful and heartier pastas.



AWARDS

- Cab. Sauvignon 2012: 2016 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
2015 Ultra Value Wine Challenge: Gold
- Cab. Sauvignon 2010: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
2015 WOMC winner: The Best Value Wine Club
- Cab. Sauvignon 2009: Robert Parker Rating: 89 points
- Cab. Sauvignon 2008: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3 stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2007: 2011 Veritas: Silver Medal
- Cab. Sauvignon 2007: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2006: 2009 Veritas: Silver Medal
- Cab. Sauvignon 2005: 2009 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars

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Vintage

2012

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

100 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Analysis

Alcohol: 14.29 % vol

Residual Sugar: 2.51 g/l

Total Acidity: 6.55 g/l

pH: 3.2

