



## FRANS MALAN

### Style of Wine

Dry Red wine. Cape style blend

### Heritage

In 1991 we experimented with a Pinotage Cabernet blend for the Cape Winemakers Guild, to show the public a new approach in winemaking. At that time it was in vogue to talk about what constitutes a typical South African blend. After the success of the 1991 vintage we decided to make this blend as a limited release to the larger public. The wine was named after Frans Malan, the founder of Simonsig and the late patriarch of the Malan family.

### Vintage Description

The 2011 Vintage will go down in history as windy, very dry and hotter than normal. At Simonsig Estate the vintage was 33% more than last year, but it should be kept in mind that 2010 was smaller by 20%. The Pinotage took its time to reach maturity as the skins remained tough and showed harsh green tannins. Our patience was rewarded when picking was delayed, but the long wait does increase the nervous tension in the cellar. The intensity of fruit is outstanding. The young vineyards such as the Shiraz accounted for the biggest increase in tonnage. The bigger crop of Shiraz caused a shortage of red wine fermentation capacity and the extra wait meant the Cabernets and Merlots had longer hang time on the vines.

### Wood Maturation

12 Months oaking. 59% American White Oak, 41% French Oak. New Wood 68%, 2nd fill 27% 3rd fill 5%.

### Wine Description

With a deep Persian Carpet Red colour the collaboration of these three unique varieties showcases layers of perfume, plums and cranberries. Decadent flavours of moist fruit cake portray the palate with subtle nuances of cinnamon spice and fynbos. Soft and subtle tannins with a dry finish.

### Cellaring Potential

Will reach peak maturity 5 to 8 years from vintage. Due to the elegance and fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

### Serving Suggestions

Egyptian dukka crusted beef fillet medallions, slow roasted belly of pork, springbok espetada, roasted duck and plainly cooked ostrich steak.



### AWARDS

- Frans Malan 2011: 2015 Tim Atkins Report: 92 Points  
2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars  
2014 Robert Parker: 91 Points
- Frans Malan 2010: 2014 Concours Mondial De Bruxelles: Gold Medal  
2013 Veritas: Double Gold Medal  
2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition:  
Silver Outstanding Medal
- Frans Malan 2009: Veritas 2012: Silver Medal  
2013 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars
- Frans Malan 2008 : 2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars  
2011 Veritas: Gold Medal
- Frans Malan 2007 : 2011 Platter's Guide: 4 stars  
Veritas 2009: Silver Medal

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### Vintage

2011

### Region

Stellenbosch

### Grapes

Pinotage 64 %

Cabernet Sauvignon 32 %

Merlot 4 %

### Analysis

Alcohol: 14.92 % vol

Residual Sugar: 2.48 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l

pH: 3.55

