



**SIMONSIG**  
STELLENBOSCH



**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 2013/2014 growing season will be remembered as one of the wettest seasons which had two effects on the 2014 harvest. One, it resulted in a bigger crop, especially Sauvignon Blanc, and two, it brought fungal disease to some varietals. It was a big challenge for the viticulturist to keep the vineyards healthy and in pristine condition. During the last part of harvest, continuous rain showers, especially in March, put additional strain on the ripening of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Although the 2014 harvest had its unique challenges, it delivered wines with great quality.

**Wood Maturation**

17 months oaking. 78% French Oak, 22% American White Oak. New Wood 15%, 2nd fill 85%.

**Wine Description**

The wine displays a dense opaque colour. A perfume entrance of rich plums, cinnamon spice and a dash of lead pencil. The three varieties unite and form a powerful trio of concentrated blackberry fruit. The tannins are soft and supple and the refined dry finish captures the characteristics of this Cape Style blend, leaving lingering notes of sweet plum and spice.

**Cellaring Potential**

Will reach peak maturity in 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 2014: 2017 Platter's Guide: 4 stars  
2016 Mundus Vini Awards: Gold  
2016 Concours Mondial De Bruxelles: Gold Medal  
2016 NWC/Top 100 SA Wines: Winner "Best in class"  
2016 National Wine Challenge: Double Platinum
- Frans Malan 2011: Wine Spectator: April 2015: 90 Points  
2015 Tim Atkins Report: 92 Points  
2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars  
2015 Top 100 SA Wines: Winner  
2014 Veritas: Silver  
2014 Robert Parker: 91 Points
- Frans Malan 2010: 2014 Concours Mondial De Bruxelles: Gold Medal  
2013 Veritas: Double Gold Medal

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**Vintage**

2014

**Region**

Stellenbosch

**Grapes**

Pinotage 63%

Cabernet Sauvignon 29%

Merlot 8%

**Analysis**

Alcohol: 14.1% vol

Residual Sugar: 2.8 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.5 g/l

pH: 3.5

