



MERINDOL SYRAH

Style of Wine

Premium quality oak matured Syrah from a selected single vineyard site.

Heritage

The name Merindol is taken from the Malan Coat of Arms and is the French village where the Malans originated. Over the past fifteen years Simonsig has replanted Shiraz vineyards with the best Shiraz clones available. Each vineyard was planted on a specially selected site to optimise quality. This has led to a dramatic improvement in quality. The Merindol vineyard is planted on a deep red Hutton soil of weathered granite origin. These are the most sought after soils for growing premium red wine. The high clay percentage has a high water retention capacity and this sustains the vines during the dry summer months. The vineyard was planted in 1996 with a French Shiraz clone SH 99.

Wood Maturation

14 months. 100% New French Oak Barriques 1st fill 100%

Vintage Description

The 2013/2014 growing season will be remembered as one of the wettest seasons that had two effects on the 2014 harvest. Firstly, it resulted in a bigger crop, especially Sauvignon Blanc, and secondly it brought fungal disease to some varieties. It was a challenge for the viticulturist to keep the vineyards healthy and in pristine condition. Although the 2014 harvest had its unique challenges it delivered wines with great quality.

Vinification

Picked at 24.2°B on the 31st of March 2014. Grapes were crushed, destemmed and cold soaked for two days prior to inoculation. 55L/Ton of juice was drawn off at crushing to enhance concentration. Fermentation peaked at 29°C. With regular and controlled pump overs sufficient colour and tannin extraction was created. 25 Days of extended maceration before pressing. Malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels.

Wine Description

The wine displays an inky black centre with alluring swatches of plum. This masculine perfume is embroidered with an array of spices. Decadent layers of mulberry wrapped in vanilla pods entice your senses, while tailored tannins capture the aromas of black fruit.

Cellaring Potential

8 to 10 years

Serving Suggestions

Delicious with Chalmar rump, espetadas and a great pair with seared tuna layered with coarse pink peppercorn.



AWARDS

- Merindol Syrah 2013: 2016 John Platter Wine Guide: 4½ stars
2016 National Wine Challenge: Dubble Silver
- Merindol Syrah 2012: 2016 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold Medal
2016 Wine Enthusiast: 91 points
2015 Veritas Awards: Gold Medal
2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4½ stars
- Merindol Syrah 2011: 2014 Robert Parker: 92 Points
Syrah-du-Mondé 2014: Silver Medal
2013 Veritas Awards: Silver Medal
- Merindol Syrah 2010: 2013 Veritas Awards: Gold Medal
2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition: Gold Medal

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Vintage

2014

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Syrah (syn. Shiraz) 100%

Analysis

Alcohol: 13.8 %

Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.3 g/l

pH: 3.6

