



SIMONSIG

STELLENBOSCH



REDHILL PINOTAGE

Style of Wine

Full Bodied wood matured varietal wine.

Heritage

The first red wine released by Simonsig in 1970 was a Pinotage. The Redhill Pinotage is a selection of our best New Oak matured Pinotage which come from the famous Redhills of the Simonsig Estate. The red soils originate from decomposed shale and granite and is considered to be the best soils for growing red wine. This is due to its good drainage and good moisture retention capacity.

Vintage Description

The 2004 vintage was exceptional for a number of reasons. Firstly it will be remembered for the slow even ripening conditions. The harvest was 14% smaller than 2003 which was slightly bigger than the average. Budbreak was even after the cold winter. Flowering takes place in late October and November and due to good weather conditions berry set was very good leading to very compact bunches in some varieties, especially Pinotage. These compact bunches with noticeable small berries resulted into pitch black densely coloured wines with outstanding fruit and softer tannins than usual. Exceptional vintage for Pinotage.

Wood Maturation

17 months. 96% French Oak, 4% American White Oak, New Wood 96%, 4th fill 4%.

Wine Description

Dense opaque colour with a distinctive ruby rim. The nose invites you to a playground filled with black and raspberry fruit. The wood component plays hide and seek leaving a mouth sensation filled with tantalising vanilla spice. Awesome depth and length of concentrated Pinotage urge you to enter this playground of unforgettable aromas.

Cellaring Potential

The gentle tannins provide the structure to age further for 6 to 8 years after vintage.

Serving Suggestions

Rare roast beef and ostrich stew. A perfect combination for venison.



A W A R D S

- 2000 Vinomania Wine tasting, Moscow, Oct 2003: Best Red Wine from Untraditional Varieties
Michelangelo Wine Awards 2003: Silver
USA Wine Spectator – 2004: 87 points
- 2002 Veritas 2004: Silver Medal
- 2003 Internasional Wine and Spirit Competition 2005: Gold: Best in Class
Wine Magazine Tasting: May 2005 publication: 4 stars
- 2004 SA Woman Winemaker of the Year Award 2005: Debbie Burden
SAA First Class listing 2006
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2005: Diamond Award
Veritas 2005: Double Gold Medal
2005 Absa Top 10 Pinotage Winner

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Vintage
2004

Region
Stellenbosch

Grapes
Pinotage 100 %

Analysis
Alcohol: 15.01 % vol
Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/l
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l
pH: 3.48

