



SIMONSIG

STELLENBOSCH



TIARA

Style of Wine

Dry Red wine. Bordeaux Style blend.

Heritage

This is the flagship red wine of Simonsig and reflects the best quality of the vintage. The first Tiara was made in 1990 and upon release in 1992 it was an instant hit being chosen by the Wine of the Month Club as Wine of the Year. The 1997 was the first vintage that included Petit Verdot in the blend.

Vintage Description

The cool conditions and especially the cool nights brought about by the cooling effect of the sea breezes from the Atlantic Ocean, was responsible for many of the older vineyards to show virus symptoms earlier and more visibly. The leaves are affected causing ripening to slow down. The younger vineyards are unaffected by this phenomenon and the vines had no problem getting the grapes to optimum ripeness. This did however prove that in some vintages the younger vines make better wines. The Cabernet Sauvignon showed slow ripening in the very late summer under moderate climate conditions. Picking was on average 2 weeks later than 2000 which allowed longer hanging time and subsequent better phenolic ripeness. The young wines have beautiful colour and they have an exciting potential. It was an excellent vintage for Merlot with inky black colour and loads of juicy black berry fruit.

Wine Description

Deep black cherry colour. The nose shows ripe blackcurrant and cassis aromas with subtle toasty wood vanilla and cinnamon influence. Delicate crushed berry fruit on the palate well balanced by the classic mature tannin structure. The overall impression is elegant with lots of hidden flavour that will emerge with further maturation.

Wood Maturation

16 months oakling. French Oak: 61%. American New Oak: 39% 1st fill 75%, 2nd fill 25%.

Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2005, but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and great fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.



A W A R D S

2000	Michelangelo 2003: Gold
	Wine Enthusiast Magazine 2006, USA 90 points
2001	Veritas 2004: Gold
2002	Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2004: Silver
	2004 Veritas: Double Gold
	Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2005: Silver
	International Wine and Spirit Competition: Silver
	Monde Selection 2006: Silver Medal
	Decanter Awards 2006: Silver
	International Wine Challenge 2006: Bronze
2003	Veritas 2005: Silver Medal
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2005	Winner: Wine of the Month Club, 2007: Bordeaux Blend
	Calyon Trophy 2007 Bordeaux Blend Challenge: Gold Medal: 1st Runner-up

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Vintage
2001

Region
Stellenbosch

Grapes
Cabernet Sauvignon 70%
Merlot 26%
Cabernet Franc 4%

Analysis
Alcohol: 14.1% vol
Residual Sugar: 3 g/l
Total Acidity: 4.9 g/l
pH: 3.42

