



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 the vintage has delivered. 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 had Petit Verdot included in the blend.

Vintage Description

The warm conditions in February and March were ideal to get the red varieties to full ripeness. Some of the older Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyards ripened very slowly and required a lot of patience. Many growers waited until after Easter weekend before the best Cabernet was picked well into April. The Cabernet Sauvignon made powerful wines with structure concentration and complexity. The Merlot was a very small crop, 54% down on 2001. Super ripe grapes produced big juicy wines with fatness and body.

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

18 Months oakling. 96% French oak, New wood 91%, 4% American White Oak, 2nd fill 4%, 3rd fill 5%.

Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2012, but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and great fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

Serving Suggestions

Grilled fillet of beef, Oxtail, Beef Stroganoff.



AWARDS

- 2002 2012 Veritas: Silver Medal
- Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2004: Silver
- 2004 Veritas: Double Gold
- International Wine and Spirit Competition 2005: Silver
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- 2000 Wine of the Month Club Winner 2003
- Fairbairn Capital Wine Show 2003: Silver Medal
- Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2003: Gold
- Every Vintage of Simonsig Tiara since 1990, with the exception of the 1994 and 2001 vintage, has won either a Veritas Gold or Double Gold
- 1999 Wine of the Month Club Winner 2001
- Juliet Cullinan Masters Award: Red Blends: First: Silver Medal
- 1998 Michelangelo 2001: Silver
- International Wine Challenge 2003, London: Bronze Medal
- 1997 Veritas Gold in 1999

Vintage

2002

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 71% Merlot 22%
Cabernet Franc 3.5% Petit Verdot 3.5%

Analysis

Alcohol: 15.3% vol
Residual Sugar: 3.1 g/l
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/l
pH: 3.7



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