



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 2005 vintage produced many outstanding quality wines across the whole spectrum. Climatic conditions made for a very early vintage and most growers started the vintage 10 days earlier than 2004. During the growing season and harvest period we experienced one of the driest summers in years and the temperature higher than normal resulting in fabulously red wines with firm tannin structures and great maturation potential. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot had good budbreak but uneven shoot growth which required meticulous green harvesting at veraison to remove uneven bunches. Each individual component of the Tiara was successfully handcrafted by an outstanding 2005 vintage.

Wine Description

Deep intense Persian colour. Exploding, vibrant fruit flavours of blackcurrant, cassis and blackberries that captures the intensity of the wine. Each individual cultivar adds to complexity creating a mouthfeel of pure enjoyment. The firm tannin structure of the Merlot uplifts the cedar, cigar box undertone of the Cabernet Sauvignon while the Petit Verdot creates structure and unity with the Cabernet Franc. Subtle chocolate and vanilla flavours intertwine, revealing the presence of balanced wood integration. The 2005 Tiara expresses a diversity of flavours that will capture your heart.

Wood Maturation

18 Months oaking. 94% French Oak, 6% American White Oak, New wood 64%, 2nd fill 36%.

Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2015, but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and great fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

Serving Suggestions

Fillet of beef, robust beef dishes.



AWARDS

- 2005 2012 Veritas: Silver Medal
Winner: Wine of the Month Club 2007: Bordeaux Blend
Calyon Trophy 2007 Bordeaux Blend Challenge: Gold Medal: 1st Runner-up
Veritas 2007: Silver Medal
- 2004 Veritas 2006: Silver Medal
- 2003 Veritas 2005: Silver Medal
International Wine and Spirit Competition 2006: Silver
Veritas 2007: Bronze Medal
- 2002 2012 Veritas: Silver Medal
2004 Veritas: Double Gold
Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2005: Silver
International Wine and Spirit Competition 2005: Silver
International Wine and Spirit Competition 2006: Silver
Monde Selection 2006: Silver Medal
Decanter 2006 Awards: Silver
International Wine Challenge 2006: Bronze

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Vintage

2005

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 65%

Merlot 29%

Cabernet Franc 4%

Petit Verdot 2%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5% vol

Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.2 g/l

pH: 3.7

