



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 weather conditions during spring and early summer delayed the start of the vintage by 7 days. Significantly more windy days helped to keep the vines cool, but also dried out the soils. The growing season during summer was very dry with a 46% lower rainfall than 2005 (Sept – end March). Temperatures in January to March were higher than normal and berry size was significantly smaller benefitting colour and fruit intensity. Merlot produced stunning wines, perhaps the best ever due to soft tannins and powerful fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon was the stand out red variety of 2006 and this perhaps explains why Tiara 2006 contains no Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

Wine Description

Roasted mocha coffee beans with dark chocolate aromas combine with the juicy blackcurrant and Sirop de Cassis fruit flavours. The lifted, perfumed black fruit is perfectly framed by the spicy vanilla oak influence. The silky smooth palate entry reveals the classic supple Cabernet Sauvignon tannin structure showing excellent potential for further ageing. The mid palate fruit contributed by the Merlot, shows persistence right up to the slightly dry finish reminding of lead pencil shavings and cedar wood. A delicious Bordeaux blend with classic black berry fruit, serious concentration and the femininity and finesse which has become the signature style of Simonsig Tiara.

Wood Maturation

18 Months oakling. 95% French Oak, 5% American White Oak, New wood 58%, 2nd fill 15%, 3rd fill 27%

Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2014, but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and great fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.



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

2006

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 68% ,
Merlot 32%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14.3% vol
Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/l
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l
pH: 3.46

