



# 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 growing season was cool, resulting in a later start to the harvest than normal. Rainfall during spring and early summer was sufficient and spread over the 4 months from September to mid December. The vineyards looked fresh and in perfect condition right throughout the vintage. The cool weather earlier on also had an effect on berry size and smaller berries are always welcomed by winemakers. Due to rainfall in February and mid March we had the risk of grey rot, but fortunately only certain varieties were affected. The last part of the harvest was blessed with warm, dry conditions providing ideal ripening conditions for the late varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, which we started harvesting on the 14th March and the last came in on the 2nd April. The one bunch per shoot on the Cabernet was the right strategy to follow for this vintage as it enhanced quality and concentration without losing too much yield. Merlot is a notoriously temperamental variety and often shows green characters, so picking at perfect ripeness was crucial, which we did. The fact that we've drawn off juice to increase concentration definitely had a positive influence. The Cabernet Franc showed good fragrant fruit with smooth tannins while the Petit Verdot was of better quality than 2007.

### Wine Description

Deep Persian Carpet Red. A refined tapestry of violets, blackberries and cherries with a tobacco lining. The sweet chocolate sensation moulds the palate, releasing delicate blueberry notes. The silky smooth tannins transforms the four unique cultivars into a harmonious Bordeaux blend.

### Wood Maturation

19 Months oaking. 97% French Oak, 3% American White Oak. New Wood 63%, 2nd fill 37%.

### Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2018 but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

### Serving Suggestions

Springbok Espitada, Smoked Kudu fillet with spicy beetroot and mash potatoes or a traditional Beef stew.



## A W A R D S

- 2008 2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars  
The International Wine Review: Feb 2012: 90 Rating
- 2007 2010 International Wine and Spirit Competition: Silver Medal  
2010 Veritas: Silver Medal
- 2006 2010 Platter: 4½ sterre  
2009 Veritas: Silver Medal
- 2005 2009 International Wine and Spirit Competition: Silver  
Winner: Wine of the Month Club 2007: Bordeaux Blend  
Calyon Trophy 2007 Bordeaux Blend Challenge: Gold Medal: 1st Runner-up  
Veritas 2007: Silver Medal  
2008 Platter's Guide: 4½ stars

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### Vintage

2008

### Region

Stellenbosch

### Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 74% , Merlot 19%  
Cabernet Franc 6% , Petit Verdot 1%

### Analysis

Alcohol: 14.85% vol  
Residual Sugar: 2.5 g/l  
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l  
pH: 3.7

