



**ADELBERG / CABERNET
SAUVIGNON MERLOT**

Style of Wine

Blended, fruity Red

Heritage

Simonsig Adelberg has been part of the Simonsig range since the early seventies when the blend contained mostly Pinotage and some Cabernet and Shiraz. In 1998 the blend was changed to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in an easy drinking Bordeaux style blend. In 2006 the packaging was modernised and the label was put back firmly in the Simonsig stable. In keeping with the latest trends in the world of wine Adelberg is now sealed with a beautifully designed screw cap to eliminate cork taint and seal in all the quality straight from the vineyard.

Vintage Description

After an exceptional wet winter the soils were well saturated and throughout the growing season the quintessential Mediterranean climate prevailed. However, it was the idyllic cooler conditions, which lasted from spring until February, that ensured a slower ripening of the early varieties. This year the first meaningful rainfall only made its appearance at the end of the harvest, which allowed the longest possible hang time for the late varieties to reach maturity and refined flavour spectrum. The Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the varieties that benefitted from the longer optimal ripening and shows finesse with soft, smooth tannins and voluptuous ripe flavours.

Wine Description

Vibrant ruby colour. Youthful flavours of red berry, cassis and raspberry. The subtle wood influence acts as a chocolate frame supporting the succulent fruit painting. The silky soft tannins creates a smooth finish categorising it as an easy drinking wine.

Cellaring Potential

Ready to drink now but could age for a further 3 to 4 years.

Serving Suggestions

Carpaccio, spaghetti bolognaise and a gourmet beef burger.



A W A R D S

- 2002 Wine Magazine's Best value Wine Guide: 3.5 stars
- 2003 Wine of the Month Club Winner 2005: Adelberg 2003
- 2004 Wine Magazine's Best value Wine Guide: 3 stars

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Vintage

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Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 70%
Merlot 30%

Analysis

Alcohol: 14.2% vol
Residual Sugar: 4.1 g/l
Total Acidity: 4.9 g/l
pH: 3.8

