



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Style of Wine

Full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon

Heritage

Simonsig has been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1976 and achieved early success with this variety when the 1977 vintage won the General Smuts trophy after being judged as the Champion Wine of South Africa. Over the past decade Simonsig has replanted and expanded its Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards and today has mature vineyards planted with the best clones available in South Africa. These shy bearing vineyards are planted on deep red weathered granite and shale soils with high moisture holding capacity. This minimises the need for irrigation and provides great concentration of flavour. Our terroir in Stellenbosch has proved over many years to be the best area in SA to grow the finest quality red wines.

Vintage Description

The winter of 2013 was wet and cold. The cooler conditions extended into the early part of summer, but December was the hottest in 47 years of recorded history in Stellenbosch. The dry conditions of the summer changed on 9 and 10 February when we had a downpour of 44mm. On Friday 8 March 2013 there were more showers, but the conditions dried rather quickly due to high temperatures and a howling south Easter. Our initial fears of some dilution in the late season reds soon disappeared when the reds completed fermentation. The 2013 vintage delivered wines with beautiful dark colours, soft and mature tannins with delicious ripe concentrated fruit flavours.

Wood Maturation

12 Months oakling. 100% French Oak. New Wood 26% 2nd fill 65% 3rd fill 9%.

Wine Description

The wine has a dense opaque colour. An expression of black berries and black cherries on the nose with hints of cedar oak, pencil shavings and a dash of fynbos. Beautiful rich tannins coat the palate, while the dry finish captures the essence of the Cabernet Sauvignon, leaving lingering notes of black berries.

Cellaring Potential

Soft and perfectly drinkable now but should benefit from further ageing over the next 6 to 8 years.

Serving Suggestions

Rare Roast Beef, Leg of Lamb, grilled veal, braised ribs, flavourful and heartier pastas.



AWARDS

- Cab. Sauvignon 2013: 2017 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2012: 2016 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2010: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2009: Robert Parker Rating: 89 points
- Cab. Sauvignon 2008: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3 stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2007: 2011 Veritas: Silver Medal
- Cab. Sauvignon 2007: 2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2006: 2009 Veritas: Silver Medal
- Cab. Sauvignon 2005: 2009 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars
- Cab. Sauvignon 2004: Swiss International Air Lines Wine Awards 2008: Bronze Medal

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Vintage

2013

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

100 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Analysis

Alcohol: 13.9 % vol

Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l

pH: 3.6

