



MERINDOL SYRAH

Style of Wine

Premium quality oak matured Syrah from a selected single vineyard site.

Heritage

The name Merindol is taken from the Malan Coat of Arms and is the French village where the Malans originated. Over the past fifteen years Simonsig has replanted Shiraz vineyards with the best Shiraz clones available. Each vineyard was planted on a specially selected site to optimise quality. This has led to a dramatic improvement in quality. The Merindol vineyard is planted on a deep red Hutton soil of weathered granite origin. These are the most sought after soils for growing premium red wine. The high clay percentage has a high water retention capacity and this sustains the vines during the dry summer months. The vineyard was planted in 1996 with a French Shiraz clone SH 99.

Wood Maturation

18 months. 100% New French Oak

Vintage Description

The winter of 2013 was wet and cold. The cooler conditions extended into 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 down pour of 44 mm. On Friday 8 March 2013 there were more showers, but the conditions dried off rather quickly due to high temperatures and 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.

Vinification

Picked at 25.6°B on the 26th and 27th March 2013. Grapes were crushed, destemmed and cold soaked for two days prior to inoculation. 100l/Ton of juice were drawn off at crushing to enhance concentration. Fermentation peaked at 25°C. With regular and controlled pumpovers sufficient colour and tannin extraction was created. 27 Days of extended maceration before pressing. Malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels.

Wine Description

The wine displays a Persian dark red colour. A culinary delight of black pepper spice and cloves. Between the multi layers of black fruit, hints of cinnamon spice trickles through. Refined tannins coats the palate ensuring an elegant dry finish.

Cellaring Potential

8 to 10 years

Serving Suggestions

Delicious with Chalmar rump, espetadas and a great pair with seared tuna layered with coarse pink peppercorn.



AWARDS

- Merindol Syrah 2013: 2016 John Platter Wine Guide: 4½ stars
2016 National Wine Challenge: Dubble Silver
- Merindol Syrah 2012: 2016 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold Medal
2016 Wine Enthusiast: 91 points
2015 Veritas Awards: Gold Medal
2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4½ stars
- Merindol Syrah 2011: 2014 Robert Parker: 92 Points
Syrah-du-Mondé 2014: Silver Medal
2013 Veritas Awards: Silver Medal
- Merindol Syrah 2010: 2013 Veritas Awards: Gold Medal
2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition: Gold Medal

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Vintage

2013

Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Syrah (syn. Shiraz) 100%

Analysis

Alcohol: 15.2 %

Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/l

Total Acidity: 5.3 g/l

pH: 3.6

