



SIMONSIG
STELLENBOSCH



REDHILL PINOTAGE

Style of Wine

Full Bodied wood matured Pinotage from a specific vineyard site.

Heritage

The first red wine Frans Malan, founder of Simonsig Wine State, released in 1970 was a Pinotage. He was a pioneer in using new small French oak barriques for his Pinotage in the early seventies. Today, the Redhill Pinotage is made from a vineyard grown on the famous Redhills of Simonsig Estate. The red soil originates from decomposed weathered shale and is regarded to be the best soil for growing premium

Vintage Description

A warmer than normal vintage with healthy grapes and average crop size. The vintage started 10 days earlier due to the warm dry conditions. Below average rainfall in winter caused widespread water restrictions in the Western Cape. Similar to the 2000 vintage which produced big structured red wines with excellent concentration. The Redhill Pinotage was picked very early (January) and already the tannins in the skins tasted mature.

Wood Maturation

15 months. 100% New Oak. French Oak 70%, American White Oak 30%.

Wine Description

Dense opaque colour with black centre and a youthful cerise rim. The perfumed nose invites you to a playground filled with the aromas of mulberry and raspberry fruit suggested by serious, but subtle, spicy oak. Mid palate fruit shows delicious density and persistence in a framework of fine grained tannins which indicates great ageing potential.

Cellaring Potential

The gentle tannins provide the structure to age further for 6 to 8 years after vintage.

Serving Suggestions

Rare roast beef and ostrich stew. A perfect combination for venison.



A W A R D S

- 2001 Michelangelo Wine Awards 2003: Silver
USA Wine Spectator – 2004: 87 points
- 2002 Veritas 2004: Silver Medal
- 2003 International Wine and Spirit Competition 2005: Gold: Best in Class
Wine Magazine Tasting: May 2005 publication: 4 stars
SA Woman Winemaker of the Year Award 2005: Debbie Burden
SAA First Class listing 2006
Winemakers' Choice Awards 2005: Diamond Award
Veritas 2005: Double Gold Medal
2005 Absa Top 10 Pinotage Winner
- 2004 International Wine and Spirit Competition 2006: Silver: Best in Class:
Pinotage - Stellenbosch - 2004
2006 Decanter Awards: Bronze

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Vintage
2005

Region
Stellenbosch

Grapes
Pinotage 100 %

Analysis
Alcohol: 15.01 % vol
Residual Sugar: 2.6 g/l
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l
pH: 3.5

