



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 Estate, 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 Pinotage Reserve is made from a vineyard grown on the famous hills of Simonsig Estate. The red soil originate from decomposed weathered shale and is regarded to be the best soil for growing premium red wine. This is due to the excellent moisture retention capacity and good drainage.

Vintage Description

A very cold and wet winter with 31% more rainfall was the ideal prelude to the 2006 vintage. Cool conditions with low rainfall prevailed during spring and early summer. Warm to hot weather from early January 2006 and February saw temperatures soar into the thirties. This was ideal for the ripening of Pinotage and picking started on 3 February at 26.5° Balling. The 2006 vintage will also be remembered for the devastating veld fires in the Western Cape which caused severe damage to vineyards in the Elim area and even Table Mountain was burnt. Frequent power cuts during harvest added to the pressures of harvest. Sixty percent of the grapes come from traditional bush vines.

Wood Maturation

14 months. 100% New Oak. French Oak 89%, American White Oak 11%.

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.



AWARDS

- 2004 Internasional Wine and Spirit Competition 2006: Silver: Best in Class
2006 Decanter Awards: Bronze
Winemakers Choice Awards 2006: Diamond Award
- 2005 2007 Internationale Wine and Spirits Competition: Silver Medal
2007 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
2007 International Wine Challenge: Silver Medal
2007 Absa Top 10 Pinotage Winner
- 2006 2008 Absa Top 10 Pinotage Winner
2008 Michelangelo International Wine Awards: Gold Medal
Winemakers Choice Awards 2008: Diamond Award
2008 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
2009 Platter's Guide: 5 stars

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Vintage
2006

Region
Stellenbosch

Grapes
Pinotage 100 %

Analysis

Alcohol: 14.8% vol
Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/l
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l
pH: 3.6

