



SIMONSIG

STELLENBOSCH



REDHILL PINOTAGE

Style of Wine

Full bodied, wood matured Pinotage from a dedicated vineyard site

Heritage

The first red wine Frans Malan, founder of Simonsig Estate, released in 1970 was a Pinotage. In the early seventies he was a pioneer in using new small French oak barriques for his Pinotage. Today, the Redhill Pinotage is made from a vineyard grown on the famous red hills of Simonsig Estate. The red soils originate from decomposed, weathered shale. It is regarded as the best soil for growing premium red wine, because of its excellent moisture retention capacity and good drainage.

Wood Maturation

18 months oakling. 57% French oak, 43% American white oak. 100% new oak.

Vintage Description

The 2010 vintage will be remembered as the smallest vintage in many years. Virtually every force of nature including pests and fungal disease contributed to the smaller yields. Although the 2010 vintage was not a vintage of quantity it most definitely was one of quality and concentrated fruit. Pinotage was one of the cultivars affected by these conditions. Our two top vineyards had between 30 and 67% less grapes than the previous year, with crops between 3 and 4 tons per hectare. The silver lining is the excellent quality Pinotage that was made. Big with voluptuous fullness on the palate. Definitely a stand out variety of 2010.

Vinification

After gentle crushing and destemming the wine was fermented at a maximum temperature of 28° in two open top fermenters and a rototank. After 6 days the wine was pressed on the skins and alcoholic fermentation was completed in the tank. Malolactic fermentation occurred in new barrels. The wine received four rackings before bottling.

Wine Description

Dense opaque colour. An orchard filled with perfumed aromas of ripe plums, black berries and cherries. The voluptuous fruit pockets explode in your mouth releasing vibrant flavours with a cinnamon spice lining. Masculine yet smooth tannins sculpture a lingering palate of fruit filled delicacies.

Cellaring Potential

The gentle tannins provide the structure to age further for six to eight years after vintage.

Serving Suggestions

Cape Malay bobotie, seared tuna, slow roasted belly of pork, oven roasted rack of lamb, crispy duck salad with hazel praline.



A W A R D S

- Redhill Pinotage 2010 : 2014 Wine Enthusiast Rating - 90 points
- 2013 Wine Enthusiast Rating - 90 Points
- 20th Concours Mondial de Bruxelles Silver Medal
- 2012 Absa Top 10 Winner
- 2012 Veritas Awards - Gold Medal
- Redhill Pinotage 2009 : 2012 John Platter Wine Guide : 4 stars
- 2012 Veritas Double Gold
- 2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars
- 2012 Wine Enthusiast Rating - 92
- 2012 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
- Redhill Pinotage 2008 : 2012 Wine Enthusiast Rating - 91
- 2011 Veritas: Gold Medal
- 2011 Platter's Guide: 4½ stars
- 2010 Veritas: Gold Medal

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Vintage
2010

Region
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Grapes
Pinotage 100%

Analysis
Alcohol: 14.47 %
Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/l
Total Acidity: 6 g/l
pH: 3.44

