



# SIMONSIG

STELLENBOSCH



## TIARA

### Style of Wine

Dry Red wine. Bordeaux Style blend

### Heritage

This is the flagship red wine of Simonsig and reflects the best quality of the vintage. The first Tiara was made in 1990 and upon release in 1992 it was an instant hit being chosen by the Wine of the Month Club as Wine of the Year. The 1997 was the first vintage that included Petit Verdot in the blend.

### Vintage Description

The hot dry summer resulted in very ripe grapes with tremendous colour and huge structure. The high sugar levels made rich red wines with lots of body and loads of ripe fruit flavours. A big wine that should last for many years.

### Wine Description

Deep black cherry colour. The nose shows ripe blackcurrant and cassis aromas with subtle toasty wood vanilla and cinnamon influence. Delicate crushed berry fruit on the palate well balanced by the classic mature tannin structure. The overall impression is elegant with lots of hidden flavour that will emerge with further maturation.

### Wood Maturation

18 months oakling, 65% French Oak, 35% American White Oak, 37% New fill, 63% 2nd fill

### Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2005, but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and great fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.



## AWARDS

- 2002 2012 Veritas: Silver Medal  
Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2004: Silver  
2004 Veritas: Double Gold  
International Wine and Spirit Competition 2005: Silver  
International Wine and Spirit Competition 2006: Silver
- 2000 Wine of the Month Club Winner 2003  
Fairbairn Capital Wine Show 2003: Silver Medal  
Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2003: Gold  
Every Vintage of Simonsig Tiara since 1990, with the exception of the 1994 and 2001 vintage, has won either a Veritas Gold or Double Gold
- 1999 Wine of the Month Club Winner 2001  
Juliet Cullinan Masters Award: Red Blends: First: Silver Medal
- 1998 Michelangelo 2001: Silver  
International Wine Challenge 2003, London: Bronze Medal
- 1997 Veritas Gold in 1999  
Decanter Magazine: Best New World Red – Steven Spurrier’s Choice - “The 1997, with mostly Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, a little Cabernet Franc and, for the first time, 3% Petit Verdot, has a marvellously deep colour, a bouquet full of spice and fruit and a sophisticated use of oak backed by an early grip of tannin.”  
Michelangelo 2000: Silver  
Wine of the Month Club Winner 2000

### Vintage

2002

### Region

Stellenbosch

### Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 71% Merlot 22%  
Cabernet Franc 3.5% Petit Verdot 3.5%

### Analysis

Alcohol: 15.3% vol  
Residual Sugar: 3.1 g/l  
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/l  
pH: 3.7



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