



# SIMONSIG

STELLENBOSCH



## TIARA

### Style of Wine:

Dry Red wine. Bordeaux style blend.

### Background:

This is the flagship red wine of Simonsig and reflects the best quality the vintage has delivered. 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 had Petit Verdot included in the blend.

### Vintage Description

2011 Vintage will go down in history as windy, very dry and hotter than normal. At Simonsig Estate the vintage was 33% more than last year, but it should be kept in mind that 2010 was smaller by 20%. The young vineyards such as the Shiraz accounted for the biggest increase in tonnage. The bigger crop of Shiraz caused a shortage of red wine fermentation capacity and the extra wait meant the Cabernets and Merlots had longer hang time on the vines.

### Wine Description

The flagship wine of Simonsig, this Bordeaux-style red blend exhibits a deep, garnet centre, with bright hues on the rim. The rich, perfumed bramble and blue berry bouquet is enhanced by layers of cigar box and subtle nuances of spice. With more aeration, the wine shows violet and mulberry fruit, with some lead pencil influence, fine-grained tannins and a beautiful balance. Remarkably accessible now, it will continue to open and mature over the next five to six years.

### Wood Maturation

16 Months oakling. 96% French Oak, 4% American White Oak. New Wood 60%, 2nd fill 27%, 3rd fill 4%, fourth fill 9%.

### Cellaring Potential

The Tiara has the body and structure to improve with cellaring up to 2019 but should last much longer. Due to the elegance and fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

### Serving Suggestions

Braised Pork belly, Chalmar beef rump, mushroom ravioli or any exotic rich meal.



## AWARDS

- 2011: 2016 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold Medal
- 2015 Tim Atkins Report: 91 Points
- 2015 Top 100 SA Wines
- 2015 Platter's Guide: 4.5 stars
- 2015 IWSC: Silver
- 2014 Veritas: Double Gold
- 2010: 2015 WOMC winner: The Reserve Club
- 2014 Mundus Vini, Germany: Gold Medal
- 2014 Platter: 4.5 stars
- 2013 Veritas: Silver Medal
- 2009: 2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition: Gold Medal
- 2008: 2012 The International Wine Review: Feb 2012 - 90 Rating
- 2007: 2010 International Wine & Spirits Competition: Silver Medal
- 2010 Veritas: Silver Medal

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Vintage  
2011

Region  
Stellenbosch

Grapes  
Cabernet Sauvignon 66%, Merlot 21%,  
Petit Verdot 9%, Cabernet Franc 4%

Analysis  
Alcohol: 14.56%  
Residual Sugar: 3.05g/l  
Total Acidity: 6.29g/l  
pH: 3.48g/l

