



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

13 months oaking, 89% French oak, 11% American white oak, 60% new oak, 40% second fill.

Vintage Description

The 2013/2014 growing season will be remembered as one of the wettest seasons, which had two effects on the 2014 harvest. It resulted in a bigger crop, especially in Sauvignon Blanc, and it fought fungal disease to some varieties. It was a huge challenge for the viticulturist to keep the vineyards healthy and in pristine condition. Although the 2014 harvest had its unique challenges it delivered wines with great quality.

Vinification

Crushing and destemming took place in two open top fermenters and roto tanks. Fermentation temperature peaked at 29°C. Pressed after 5-6 days on the skins, alcoholic fermentation finished in the tank. Malolactic fermentation occurred in tank. Wine received 4 rackings before bottling.

Wine Description

The wine displays an inky black centre with a great density of colour. Alluring sweet ripe plum and black mulberry fruit competes with sour cherry notes and spicy oak aromatics. Fresh bramble fruit on palate entry expands into many layered flavours on the mid-palate. A full-bodied wine with lush textures and distinctive dry tannin twist on the lingering finish.

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

- 2013: 2016 NWC/Top 100 SA Wines: Winner
2015 Veritas: Gold Medal
- 2012: Veritas: Double Gold Medal
2015 Tim Atkins Report: 91 Points
2014 Absa Top 10 Pinotage: Winner
- 2011: 2014 Robert Parker: 92 Points
2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4½ Stars
2014 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles Competition: Gold Medal
2013 Veritas: Gold Medal
- 2010: 2014 Robert Parker: 90 Points
2013 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
2013 Wine-of-the-Month Club Winner: Best Pinotage of the Year

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Vintage
2014

Region
Stellenbosch

Grapes
Pinotage 100%

Analysis
Alcohol: 14.5%
Residual Sugar: 3.1 g/l
Total Acidity: 5.2 g/l
pH: 3.6

