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Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2005



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Bright straw colour with an aromatic nose of ripe pears, apples and flowers with a touch of honey. Fresh and intense fruit salad flavours fill the palate with delicious richness on the aftertaste. The honeyed ripeness of late harvested Chenin is beautifully complimented by the flowery tropical fruit in its youth. Further development in the bottle creates a rich, complex wine.

Easy drinking style. Enjoy while youthful and still showing fermentation bouquet.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc
winery : Simonsig Family Vineyards
winemaker : Johan Malan
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.3 % vol **rs :** 6.9 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 6.4 g/l
type : White **body :** Full
pack : Bottle

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ageing : Early drinking style, at its best within 2 years of the vintage date.

in the vineyard : Simonsig Chenin Blanc was the first wine released by founder Frans Malan in 1968. After 33 vintages it is now reaching new levels of popularity world wide. Chenin Blanc makes up 20% of the national vineyard and its versatility and fresh fruit appeal is being rediscovered.

The biggest portion of Simonsigâ€™s Chenin grapes is sourced from the Koelenhof (Greater Simonsberg) area. The weathered shale soils of this terroir brings out the intense aromatic fruitiness and full-bodied structure of fully ripe Chenin blanc grapes. In 2005 a small crop and warm dry conditions produced high degrees of sugar and a good percentage of raisined berries and even some Botrytis. Another excellent vintagte with loads of tropical fruit and fatness on the palate - rich and more full bodied than the 2004 vintage.

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