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Simonsig Redhill Pinotage 2005

Veritas 2007 - Double Gold
Dense opaque colour with black centre and a youthful cerise rim. The perfumed nose invites you to a playground filled with the aromas of mulberry and raspberry fruit suggested by serious, but subtle, spicy oak. Mid palate fruit shows delicious density and persistence in a framework of fine grained tannins which indicates great ageing potential. Full Bodied wood matured Pinotage from a specific vineyard site.

Rare roast beef and ostrich stew. A perfect combination for venison.



variety : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage
winery : Simonsig Family Vineyards
winemaker : Johan Malan
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 15.01 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.5 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2001: Michelangelo Wine Awards 2003 - Silver, USA Wine Spectator - 2004 - 87 points
2002: Veritas 2004 - Silver Medal
2003: International Wine and Spirit Competition 2005 - Gold: Best in Class, Wine Magazine Tasting May 2005 publication - 4 stars, SA Woman Winemaker of the Year Award 2005 - Debbie Burden, SAA First Class listing 2006, Winemakers' Choice Awards 2005 - Diamond Award, Veritas 2005 - Double Gold Medal, 2005 - Absa Top 10 Pinotage Winner
2004: International Wine and Spirit Competition 2006 - Silver: Best in Class: Pinotage - Stellenbosch - 2004
2006: Decanter Awards - Bronze, Winemakers Choice Awards 2006 - Diamond Award
2005: Veritas 2007 - Double Gold

ageing : The gentle tannins provide the structure to age further for 6 to 8 years after vintage.

in the vineyard : The first red wine Frans Malan, founder of Simonsig Wine State, released in 1970 was a Pinotage. He was a pioneer in using new small French oak barriques for his Pinotage in the early seventies. Today, the Redhill Pinotage is made from a vineyard grown on the famous Redhills of Simonsig Estate. The red soil originates from decomposed weathered shale and is regarded to be the best soil for growing premium red wine. This is due to the excellent moisture retention capacity and good drainage.

A warmer than normal vintage with healthy grapes and average crop size. The vintage started 10 days earlier due to the warm dry conditions. Below average rainfall in winter caused widespread water restrictions in the Western Cape. Similar to the 2000 vintage which produced big structured red wines with excellent concentration. The Redhill Pinotage was picked very early (January) and already the tannins in the skins tasted mature.

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