

## Simonsig Frans Malan Cape Blend Reserve 2014

The wine displays a dense opaque colour, A perfume entrance of rich plums, cinnamon spice and a dash of lead pencil. The three varieties unite and form a powerful trio of concentrated blackberry fruit. The tannins are soft and supple and the refined dry finish captures the characteristics of this Cape Style blend, leaving lingering notes of sweet plum and spice.

Egyptian dukka crusted beef fillet medallions, slow roasted belly of pork, springbok espetada, roasted duck and plainly cooked ostrich steak.

**variety :** Pinotage | 63% Pinotage, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot

**winery :** Simonsig Family Vineyards

**winemaker :** Johan Malan

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.18 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.5 g/l

**type :** Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

### 2016

2016 Veritas Wine Awards - Gold

### 2011

2015 Tim Atkins Report: 92 Points

2015 John Platter Wine Guide: 4 stars

2014 TOP 100 SA Wine Challenge

### 2010

2014 Concours Mondial De Bruxelles - Gold Medal

2013 Veritas Wine Awards - Double Gold

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2013 International Wine and Spirit Competition - Silver Outstanding

### 2009

2013 John Platter Wine Guide - 4 stars

### 2008

92 points in Wine Advocate (rated by Neal Martin)

2012 John Platter Wine Guide - 4 stars

2011 Veritas - Gold Medal

### 2007

2009 Veritas - Silver Medal

### ageing :

Will reach peak maturity 5 to 8 years from vintage. Due to the elegance and fruit intensity it is also delicious to drink now.

### Heritage

In 1991 we experimented with a Pinotage Cabernet blend for the Cape Winemakers Guild, to show the public a new approach in winemaking. At that time it was in vogue to talk about what constitutes a typical South African blend. After the success of the 1991 vintage we decided to make this blend as a limited release to the larger public. The wine was named after Frans Malan, the founder of Simonsig and the late patriarch of the Malan family.

### in the vineyard :

The 2013/2014 growing season will be remembered as one of the wettest seasons, which had two effects on the 2014 harvest. One it resulted in a bigger crop, especially in Sauvignon blanc and then on the downside it brought fungal disease to some varieties. It was a huge challenge for the viticulturist to keep the vineyards healthy and in pristine condition. During the last part of harvest continuous rain showers,



especially in March, put a strain on the ripening of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Although the 2014 harvest had its unique challenges it delivered wines with great quality.

**in the cellar :**

Wood Maturation: 17 Months oaking. 78% French Oak, 22% American White Oak. New Wood 15%, 2nd fill 85%.

## **Simonsig Family Vineyards**

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