

Simonsig The SMV (Shiraz / Mourvèdre / Viognier) 2014

This Rhône blend displays a vibrant prune colour. On the nose it is an array of sweet red berries, strawberries and cherries in abundance, coated with vanilla. The palate portrays soft tannins where the subtle oak influence delivers spiciness on the finish.

Wild mushroom risotto, stews, steak goulash, lamb shank, fillet of beef with Madagascar green pepper sauce.

variety : Shiraz | 77% Shiraz, 22% Mourvèdre, 1% Viognier

winery : Simonsig Family Vineyards

winemaker : Johan Malan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.64 % vol rs : 4.3 g/l pH : 3.68 ta : 4.4 g/l

type : Red **style :** Off Dry **body :** Soft **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

2012

2013 Veritas Wine Awards - Silver

2013 International Wine and Spirit Competition - Silver

2009

2013 Best Value Awards: 3 stars

2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 3 stars

2011 Wine of the Month Panel Tasting: Non Bordeaux Blend: 1st out of 20 tasted

2008

2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars

2010 Veritas: Double Gold Medal

2011 Wine of the Month Club Winner

ageing : Enjoy this wine three to five years after vintage date.

Background

The Shiraz Mourvèdre Viognier blend was first introduced into the Simonsig range in 2009.

Style of Wine

Blended, soft fruity red.

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: Older wood supported by wood alternatives.



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