

Simonsig Labyrinth Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

The wine has a dense opaque colour. High notes of black berries and black cherries express the seductive notes of cedar, pencil shavings and traces of fynbos. The youthful yet tame tannins create a dry finish filled with black berry fruit pockets.

Rare Roast Beef, Leg of Lamb, grilled veal, braised ribs, flavourful and hearty pastas.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Simonsig Family Vineyards

winemaker : Johan Malan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis: alc : 13.9 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**

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

2010

2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars

2009

Robert Parker Rating: 89 points

2008

2013 Veritas Wine Awards - Bronze

2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 3 stars

2007

2011 Veritas: Silver Medal

2011 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars

2006

2009 Veritas: Silver Medal

2005

2009 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars

2004

Swiss International Air Lines Wine Awards 2008: Bronze Medal

Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2008: Gold Medal

2003

Veritas 2007: Silver

2002

Veritas 2006: Gold

2001

Veritas 2011: Silver Medal – Museum Class

2000

2003: SAA Business Class

1.5L: Veritas 2007: Bronze Medal

1998

Wine Enthusiast: Special Annual Awards Issue listed as one of the Top 100 Wines of the Year -93 points

1996

Veritas 1998: Gold

SAA Winelist 1999: International Long Haul

1992

Veritas 1996: Double Gold

1990

Veritas 1994: Double Gold



ageing :

Soft and perfectly drinkable now but should benefit from further ageing over the next 6 to 8 years.

History

Simonsig has been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1976 and achieved early success when the 1977 vintage won the General Smuts trophy after being judged as the Champion Wine of South Africa. Simonsig replanted and expanded its planting of

Cabernet Sauvignon over the last decade and it now has mature vineyards planted with the best clones available in South Africa. These shy bearing vineyards are planted on deep red weathered granite and shale soils with high moisture holding capacity. This minimises the need for irrigation and gives great concentration of flavour. Our terroir in Stellenbosch has proved over many years to be one of the best areas in South Africa to grow the finest quality red wines.

in the vineyard :

The winter of 2013 was wet and cold. The cooler conditions extended to the early part of summer, but December was the hottest in 47 years of recorded history in Stellenbosch. The dry conditions of the summer changed on 9 and 10 February when we had a downpour of 44mm. On Friday 8 March 2013 there were more showers, but the conditions dried rather quickly due to high temperatures and a howling south Easter. Our initial fears of some dilution in the late season reds soon disappeared when the reds completed fermentation. The 2013 vintage delivered wines with beautiful dark colours, soft and mature tannins with delicious ripe concentrated flavours.

in the cellar :

21 Months oaking. 74% French Oak 26% American Oak. New Wood 1%, 2nd fill 61%, 3rd fill 1%, 37% Fourth Fill.

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