

SIMONSIG

MERINDOL SYRAH 2011



Description:

Simonsig's much-honored Merindol Syrah (a name taken from the Malan Family Coast of Arms) is a premium quality, oak-matured Syrah from a selected single vineyard site. It is a rich, velvety red wine, powerful and full-bodied, with an elegant hint of violets. Sweet aromas soften this masculine wine, while an abundance of dark fruit is well integrated with notes of vanilla and cinnamon. Gentle use of oak complements the luscious layers of berries and cherries that are supported by well-crafted tannins, making this wine a great tasting sensation.

Winemaker's Notes:

Over the past decade, Simonsig has replanted Syrah vineyards with the best Syrah clones available. This has led to a dramatic improvement in the quality of the grapes. The vineyards were planted on specially selected sites where Syrah would achieve optimum quality. The soil is deep, red, decomposed granite, which has an excellent water retention capacity facilitating deep root systems to extract minerals and nutrients. The vineyards were planted in 1996 with French Syrah clones. After picking, the grapes were crushed, destemmed and cold soaked for 2 days prior to inoculation. With regular and controlled pump overs, sufficient color and tannin extraction were created. There were 26 days of extended maceration before pressing. The wine transferred into 100% new French oak barriques to finish malolactic fermentation.

Serving Hints:

A wonderful wine for flavor-filled meals featuring meats or game.

PRODUCER:	Simonsig Estate
COUNTRY:	South Africa
REGION:	Stellenbosch
GRAPE VARIETY:	100% Syrah
pH:	3.58
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.1 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	3.3 g/l

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Pack	Size	Alc%	lbs	L	W	H	Pallet	UPC
6	750	13.5%	18.74	9.65	6.65	13.07	4X22	74259802700-6

