

2017 SIMONSIG “LABRYNTH” CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE DATA

Producer
Simonsig Estate

Region
Stellenbosch

Country
South Africa

Wine Composition
98% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 2% Merlot

Alcohol
14.36 %

Total Acidity
5.4 G/L

Residual Sugar
2.8 G/L

pH
3.62

DESCRIPTION

The 2017 vintage was a challenging one that led to a smaller, but very promising harvest for the Stellenbosch region. The Cape's drought conditions and dry warm weather produced grapes with small berries with great fruit intensity and big concentration. Simonsig has been producing Cabernet Sauvignon since 1976. Over the past decade, the winery replanted and expanded its Cab vineyards (in the shape of a circular labyrinth, they are now matured with some of the best clones in South Africa). The vineyards are planted on deep red weathered granite and shale soils with high moisture holding capacity. Fermentation temperatures start low with two days of cold soak before fermentation takes place between 75 and 82 °F to ensure the balanced extraction of maximum fruit and supple tannins. The wine was aged for 15 months in 99% small French oak barriques: (1% first fill; 68% second fill, 23%, third fill, 8%, other), and 1% American White Oak.

WINEMAKER NOTES

A classic expression of Cabernet Sauvignon, with a fine balance between power and elegance. Dense, opaque color. A beautiful combination of bramble berry and blackcurrant, infused with violets, graphite and fynbos (South African flowers). Velvety tannins coat the palate, and expert use of wood respects the fruit.

INTERESTING FACT

The Simonsig Cabernet Labyrinth vineyard was the first vineyard in the world to be created in the traditional labyrinth shape. It was designed as a tool for people of all beliefs to come together to reflect, meditate, pray and to discover their own sacred “inner space.” It is a spiritual tool with no religious connotation.

SERVING HINTS

A great accompaniment to braised short ribs with turnips and carrot puree, leg of lamb with roasted cauliflower, and hearty pastas.