



Simonsig Frans Malan Reserve

“Highlights”

2014

• **91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST**, *December 2017*

“This Pinotage-based blend, with 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot, opens with intense aromas of boysenberry, blackberry and plum that are hit with earthy accents of tree bark, balsamic herbs and cigar. The fruity concentration continues through to the rich, plush palate, framed by bold tannins that lend overall balance and structure. Final notes of cocoa nib, toasted spice and charred earth grace the long finish.”

• **90 – WINE ADVOCATE** *April 28, 2017*

“The 2014 Frans Malan Reserve is a blend of 63% Pinotage, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot. For the vintage it possesses quite a feisty note that needs more cohesion and finesse. It has a strong licorice scent plus espresso that merges with the black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with fine balance and here it shows the sophistication and complexity that I know this cuvee can produce. The acidity is well judged and it delivers a pleasing and harmonious finish. It is just the aromatics that need to show better behavior.”

2011

• **91 – WINE ADVOCATE** #215, *Oct. 2014*

“...a blend of 64% Pinotage, 4% Merlot and 32% Cabernet Sauvignon matured in American and French oak for 12 months, has a nicely focused bouquet with broody blackberry and iodine scents that unfurl nicely in the glass, but never become over-bearing. The palate is medium-bodied with juicy, ripe tannins, good acidity and a succulent finish of dark cherries, raspberry and soy that lacquer the mouth, but there is sufficient acidity to keep everything tense and poised. This is nicely crafted and should give several years of pleasure.”

• **90 – WINE SPECTATOR**, *April 30, 2015*

“A broad, fleshy style, with lots of plum paste, warmed fig and boysenberry confiture notes, inlaid with anise, roasted apple wood and cinnamon accents. This solid crowd-pleaser shows good depth”

2010

• **91 – WINE ADVOCATE** #209, *Oct. 2013*

“The nose offers a surfeit of clean, pure, vivacious blackberry and raspberry fruit with a hint of black olive emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent, fleshy ripe black fruit on the entry that offer great volume. There are no rough edges here, while the finish just glides across the mouth. Seductive? Very seductive. Drink now-2018.”

