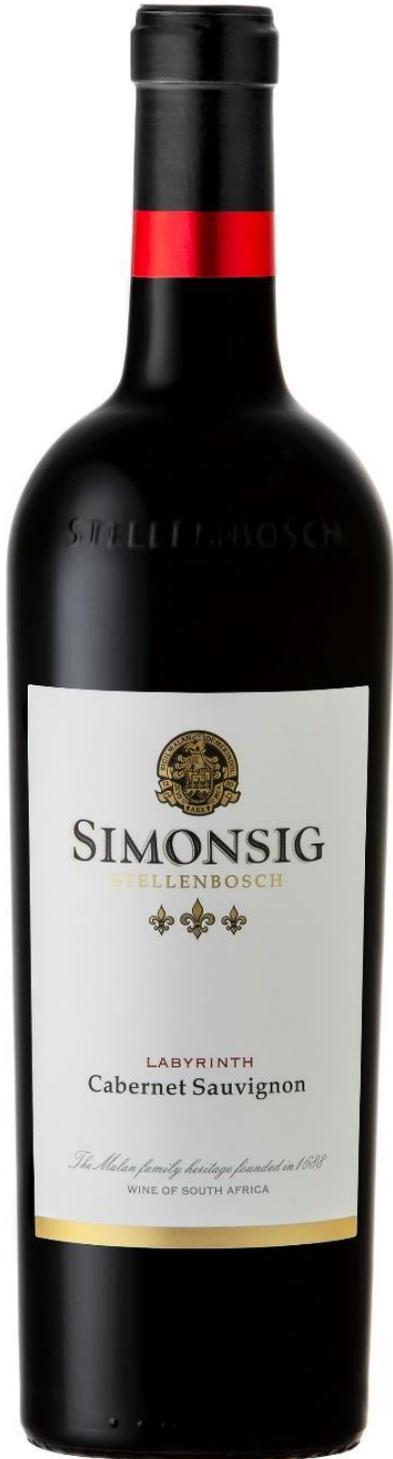


2018
**SIMONSIG “LABYRINTH”
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**



WINE DATA

Producer

Simonsig Estate

Region

Stellenbosch

Country

South Africa

Wine Composition

91% Cabernet

Sauvignon,

9% Cabernet

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Alcohol

14 %

Total Acidity

5.3 G/L

Residual Sugar

3.0 G/L

pH

3.54

DESCRIPTION

The wine has a crimson colour with a dark core. Lifted fruit aromas of blackberry, Crème de Cassis and violets fill the glass. On the palate, the wine has a beautiful purity of fruit. Fresh dark and red berries with a touch of milk chocolate and oak toast. The fine, elegant tannins combine well with the fresh acidity to make it a delicious wine with a concentrated fruit core.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 vintage was challenging, due to the prolonged drought which was accompanied by water restrictions, and which some believe to be the worst in 100 years. The expertise of the vineyard team and cellar were definitely put to the test by the warm and dry climatic conditions. We adapted our practices both in the vineyard and the cellar, to decrease the effect of water shortages. The dry weather throughout the season did have its advantages, as vines were healthy, with little or no pests or diseases being recorded in most regions. The dry, warm weather resulted in smaller berries with great intensity.

The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, 8% new oak and the balance 2nd and 3rd fill.

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.