

# SIMONSIG STARTING BLOCKS CHENIN BLANC 2025

*Stellenbosch, South Africa*



**SIMONSIG**

STELLENBOSCH



**TASTING NOTES:** This wine opens with fresh, vibrant aromas of green apple and lime, layered with notes of white pear and ripe guava that add depth and subtle tropical character. The palate is well-textured, showing a gentle pithy grip, a rounded mid-palate, and a clean, refreshing finish. It pairs beautifully with bright, citrus-driven dishes, roasted vegetables, seafood, and herb-roasted poultry, while remaining equally enjoyable on its own.

**VITICULTURE:** The 2025 vintage proved to be truly exceptional. Warm, consistent weather allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, resulting in healthy bunches with excellent flavor development.

**VINIFICATION:** After gentle destemming and pressing, the juice was left to settle overnight to ensure clarity and purity before fermentation. It was then carefully racked into stainless steel tanks, where a cool, temperature-controlled fermentation process took place. This gentle approach helped to preserve the wine's natural vibrancy and aromatic integrity, allowing the pure expression of the fruit to shine through. The result is a wine with a crisp, clean profile, layered with bright, fresh flavors and a lively acidity that adds both structure and finesse. The stainless steel fermentation also ensured minimal oxygen exposure, further enhancing the wine's freshness and length on the palate.

**INTERESTING FACT:** Chenin Blanc was the cultivar that launched Simonsig out of the starting blocks with its launch in 1968.

**FAMILY:** Named after the majestic views of the Simonsberg Mountain, Simonsig Wine Estate is situated in the famous Stellenbosch wine region just east of Cape Town. Founded in 1971 on true Cape hospitality and strong family values, Simonsig is now helmed by the 3rd generation of the Malan family. The late Frans Malan, a pioneer of the South African wine industry and superior wine craftsman, cemented the estate's legacy in South African wine history. He produced the first bottle of the much-loved, groundbreaking Kaapse Vonkel sparkling wine, South Africa's first Méthode Cap Classique made in the traditional method. He is also honored for co-founding the thriving Stellenbosch Wine Route, the first of its kind in the country. Today, his wine heritage lives on through his sons, Francois and Johan, and his grandchildren, Francois-Jacques, Christelle and Michael.

**PRODUCER:** Simonsig

**REGION:** Stellenbosch, South Africa

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Chenin Blanc

**ALCOHOL:** 14.17%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.7 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.8 G/L

**pH:** 3.3