

# SIMONSIG PICK OF THE BUNCH PINOTAGE 2023

Stellenbosch, South Africa



**TASTING NOTES:** The distinctive South African touch is evident in the spicy fynbos undertones, imparting a unique aromatic quality. A subtle savoury note further enriches the flavor profile, creating a harmonious interplay of sweet and savory elements. The wine is framed by crunchy tannins that provide structure and a textural dimension.

**VITICULTURE:** The winery's best Pinotage is grown on weathered shale soils which makes deliciously-perfumed Pinotage.

**VINIFICATION:** Grapes were handpicked into crates and delivered to the cellar, where they were destemmed and sorted. In tank, the grapes were cold macerated for two days before being inoculated. A combination of pump-overs and punch-downs was performed during fermentation, with a total time on skins of 6–7 days before being pressed at around 2–5 Balling. Fermentation finished in tank, and the wine also underwent malolactic fermentation in tank. Most of the wine was aged in tank, while a small portion was aged in older barrels for 6–8 months before the final blend was made.

**INTERESTING FACT:** Pick of the Bunch refers to the best in its class. Through years of working with this characterful grape, we have refined our winemaking skills to bring out the best in Pinotage and produce world-class wine.

**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% Pinotage

**SKU:** SMPI237

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.4 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.9 G/L

**pH:** 3.53