

SIMONSIG REDHILL PINOTAGE 2021

Stellenbosch, South Africa



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TASTING NOTES: Deep ruby in color, this Pinotage opens with wild berry aromas layered with cinnamon spice, cedar oak, and hints of liquorice. Flavors of raspberry, bramble, and red cherry are balanced by vibrant acidity and soft velvet tannins, creating a smooth, elegant finish.

VITICULTURE: The vineyard, named for its iconic red soil and rolling hills, features bush vines in a low-yielding block that produces the best quality Pinotage. Situated at 155-165 meters above sea level with a northwestern aspect, the vines thrive in Tukulu soils, known for producing intense, perfumed fruit with a soft, round structure and fine acidity. A long-term pruning plan is in place to encourage the growth of thicker shoots, aiming to elevate the bushvine bowl and create a "top hat" structure for better quality and control.

VINIFICATION: Grapes from a single bush vine vineyard were hand-selected and meticulously sorted before fermentation. After cold soaking and gentle punch downs, the wine completed fermentation in tank before aging 19 months in 225L French oak barrels (75% new oak). The wine was racked three times before bottling.

INTERESTING FACT: This Cape Blend is named after Frans Malan, the founder of Simonsig and the patriarch of the Malan family.

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): 66% Pinotage, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.1 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.8 G/L

pH: 3.52