



SIMONSIG



The name Simonsig is renowned throughout the wine world as an established and leading South African wine estate. Named after the majestic views of the Simonsberg Mountain, Simonsig Estate is situated in the premier wine-growing region of the Western Cape, Stellenbosch, 45km east of Cape Town. French Huguenot, Jacques Malan, first set foot in the Cape in 1688.

The late Frans Malan, Simonsig's founding father, was a pioneer of the South African wine industry. A true visionary, Frans introduced new and innovative wine styles to the country, thereby establishing a unique and specific Cape wine culture. Two generations of the Malan family have applied their

extensive wine knowledge and understanding of the unique soils and climate conditions of the Stellenbosch region, capturing the essence of this specific terroir in a range of distinguished red and white wines. Today, Simonsig's awarded wines are known and appreciated in South Africa and all over the world.

THE MALAN LEGACY

Since French Huguenot Jacques Malan first set foot in the Cape in 1688, the Malan family's wine knowledge accumulated over many generations. The late Frans Malan, one of the pioneers of the South African wine industry, was not only a craftsman of superior wines, but also introduced groundbreaking innovations including co-finding the Stellenbosch Wine Route and producing South Africa's first Méthode Cap Classique, a bottle fermented sparkling wine made in the style of French champagne. Today, his legacy lives on through his sons, Francois and Johan, and grandson Francois-Jacques, the 2nd and 3rd Malan generations at Simonsig Estate.



WINES

MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel continues to lend grandeur and charm with its elegant taste and delicate touch of fine crisp bubbles which has earned this legendary Stellenbosch estate a loyal following of lovers of sparkling wine.

Frans Malan, late founder and pioneering patriarch of the legendary Simonsig wine estate, left an indelible legacy by producing South Africa's first Methodé Cap Classique made in the style of French champagne in 1971 – the

iconic Kaapse Vonkel. When Frans Malan made the first bubbly he decided to name it Kaapse Vonkel (meaning Cape sparkle), which at the time he hoped would become the generic name for all locally-made Cap Classiques. However, when other wine estates followed suit and gave their own names to their bubblys, Kaapse Vonkel retained its name, and today it sells in more than 40 countries. There are not too many brands that have stood the test of time for 40 years and if Frans Malan was still here today, he would undoubtedly be pleased to know that his pioneering bubbly has not lost any of its sparkle.

CULTIVAR RANGE

The diversity of soils and climatic conditions found on Simonsig Estate allows for a diverse range of wines expressing the unique nuances of each grape cultivar. Both red and white varieties portray characteristics true to the personalities of their cultivar providing wines of individual quality.

MALAN FAMILY SELECTION

The Malan family of Simonsig in Stellenbosch have made an indelible mark on the South African and international wine industry and the Malan Family Selection represents the ultimate expression of the terroir found on this farm, as well as the ethos of excellence in wine making.

THE GARLAND

Stellenbosch is known as the "Kingdom of Cabernet" in South Africa. This single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is grown high on the slopes of Simonsberg. The name of Simonsig Estate was



derived from the magnificent view of the spectacular Simonsberg a mountain which dominates the northern side of Stellenbosch. It was named after Simon van der Stel, the second governor of the Cape of Good Hope and the founder of Stellenbosch in 1679. The undulating slopes of this majestic mountain are renowned for their superb terroir and quintessential soils to grow world class Cabernet Sauvignon. Rooted in the deep red, weathered granite soils, The Garland vineyard faces an onslaught of winter storms rolling in from the Atlantic Ocean and the cooling maritime breezes of summer. Our family has been connected with this land going back many generations and this single site vineyard expresses a unique identity characteristic of the Simonsberg wine of origin ward. The Garland is the ultimate definition of Simonsig Estate's wine making passion. With the impeccable terroir expressed in every bottle, the 2010 vintage encapsulates the cornerstones of the Simonsig Legacy – a family, a mountain and a vineyard.

