

the *Verandah*
PORT ELIZABETH - SOUTH AFRICA
Our Wine List

Diners Club Diamond Award Winner: 2018, 2025

Diners Club Platinum Award Winner: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023

Diners Club Gold Award Winner: 2014, 2024

DINERS CLUB WINE LIST RATING AND AWARDS

A Diners Club Winelist Award recognises the planning, passion and thought that the restaurant has put into creating a wine list that compliments its menu. This recognition is prestigious for the restaurant and an invitation to their patrons to sit back and enjoy a beautiful pairing of fine wines and food.



Please note that a table of 8 guests or larger will be subject to a 10% service charge.



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HOW TO TASTE WINE

Tasting wine should always be fun and should never be taken too seriously, but you can make it more enjoyable by having a better understanding of what you should be looking for?

LOOK



Have a look at your glass and judge the colour and clarity of the wine. Is it vibrant or dull? Cloudy or clear? What colours can you detect? Tilt the glass and look at the edge of the wine, can you detect a tinge of another colour?

SMELL



Give your glass a good swirl and stick your nose inside. Think about the different aromas you're taking in, do you smell berries, oak, flowers or a combination of all three? How many different aromas complex and interesting or simple and dull? Most importantly, are the aromas pleasant?

TASTE



Sip your glass of wine. What mouthfeel sensations can you detect? How long does the flavour last? How intense is the flavour? Do you taste the wine over your whole mouth or are there gaps? Is the wine balanced or does something stick out? Is the wine complex or simple?

REPEAT

Judge the wine over a whole glass, not just one sip. Let it evolve and tell its story.

AGE

You can tell a lot about a wine's age by looking at the colour. Older red wines have more brown and orange hues compared to younger reds. Older whites are generally darker and more golden compared to younger whites.

AROMA & FLAVOUR

All the flavours you enjoy are the aromas in the wine. When tasting wine you should try and identify the different types of aromas that are present and before long you will begin to learn the different types of aromas that you enjoy the most.

TASTE SENSATIONS

When you taste a wine you are looking for the different taste sensations caused by the wine. The different components should be balanced.

Astringency is the sensation that causes the moisture to be sucked out of your lips giving a puckering sensation. Tannin in red wines can cause astringency.

Residual sugar relates to the amount of sugar in a wine and can be detected on the tip of your tongue. A wine high in residual sugar causes a hot sensation on the tip of your tongue.

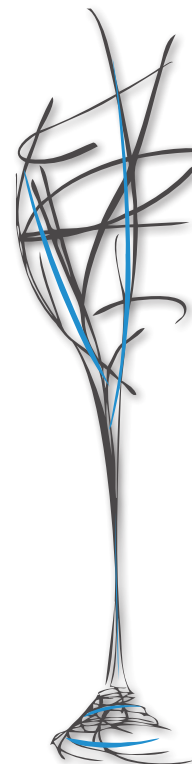
Alcohol can be detected on the middle of your tongue. A wine with unbalanced or high alcohol will cause a hot sensation in the middle of your tongue.

Acidity can be felt in the sides of your mouth. Wines that are high in acidity give a tart sensation, much like biting into a lemon.

When tasting wine you should also look at the complexity and length of flavour of the wine. Complexity refers to the number of different aromas and sensations you experience.

The best wines are highly complex, with each taste you find something new that keeps you coming back for more. To judge length of flavour, after you swallow the wine wait a short period of time and see if the flavour is still in your mouth. The best wines have fantastic length of flavour that lingers long after the wine has gone.

Source: www.ninety9bottles.com.au





WINE AND FOOD PAIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

Seafood

Prawns
Oysters
Crayfish
Line Fish
Game Fish (Tuna, Marlin)
Calamari
Fish Stew / Bouillabaisse
Paella
Mussels

Sauvignon Blanc / Chardonnay / Chenin Blanc
Champagne / Sparkling Wine / Chardonnay
Chardonnay / Semillon
Chardonnay / Semillon / Weisser Riesling / Chenin Blanc
Pinot Noir / Zinfandel / Viognier
Sauvignon Blanc / Pinot Grigio / Chenin Blanc
Pinot Grigio / Pinot Noir / Sangiovese
Rosé / Chenin Blanc
Semillon / Chenin Blanc

Poultry

Chicken
Coq Au Vin
Quail
Duck

Dry Rosé / Chardonnay / Viognier
Pinot Noir / Pinotage / Cabernet Sauvignon
Merlot / Sangiovese / Pinot Noir
Weisser Riesling / Pinot Noir / Merlot / Shiraz

Beef

Cabernet Sauvignon / Red Blends / Merlot / Petit Verdot / Malbec

Lamb

Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz / Pinotage / Red Blends

Pork

Wooded Chenin Blanc / Weisser Riesling / Chardonnay / Pinotage

Veal

Bordeaux Blend / Chardonnay / Pinot Grigio / Pinot Noir

Venison

Pinotage / Shiraz / Mourvedre / Rhone Blends

Dessert

Hot
Cold

Port / Red Muscadel
Noble Late Harvest / White Muscadel / Special Late Harvest

INSTANT ONLINE ACCESS TO WINE INFORMATION

Platter’s vintages, producers and wine styles can be accessed on an iPhone and Android via the App Store and Google Play.



Star rating courtesy of John Platter South African Wines Guide to Cellars, Vineyards and Winemakers.

*****	Superlative. A classic
****(*)	Outstanding, Fine International Standard
****	Excellent
***(*)	Very Good, Promising
***	Characterful, Appealing
**(*)	Good, Everyday drinking
**	Pleasant drinking
()	Casual quaffing
	Garagiste - defined by a winemaker who creates fine limited production wines

RECENT CAPE VINTAGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY - FROM PLATTERS SOUTH AFRICAN WINE GUIDE 2025

- 2025 The wines featured in the Platter’s by Diners Club South African Wine Guide 2025 range from affordable, easy-drinking options to exceptional five-star wines recognised for outstanding quality. Overall, they showcase South Africa’s diversity in style and flavour, with many offering strong value, distinctive character, and excellent ageing potential.
- 2024 The 2024 wine vintage is characterized by high quality and resilience, especially in South Africa, despite lower yields. White wines are noted for good flavor intensity, balanced acidity, and fruit concentration. Red wines are expected to show good color, rich concentration, and strong aging potential.
- 2023 South African winegrowers showed characteristic pluck in the face of 2023 harvest challenges. Despite a wet season capped by disruptive late-harvest rains, the vintage is being hailed by respected winemakers and viticulturists for its quality, in particular for whites.
- 2022 The 2022 harvest started later than normal due to a cool growing season. The crop was smaller than in 2021, but still above average for the region. Wine quality seems promising and consumers can expect outstanding red wines.
- 2021 A bumper crop, lauded as “exceptional” for reds and whites thanks to cool temperatures, unusually high rain fall and a late harvest, which helped ease stock holding pressure caused by 2020’s ban on exports and restrictions on local sales.
- 2020 Weather conditions were favorable in general and the bunch numbers looked promising early in the season, but windy conditions during the set and sensitive berry growth stages resulted in smaller berries and a lighter crop. The season was also characterized by great variation between and even within the same vineyard blocks in areas that experienced dry conditions.
- 2019 Again the draught affected the yields and on top of it some farmers experienced high winds in October, during bud-break, which caused a considerable loss of crop. Uneven ripening of the bunches meant extra work in the cellar, but overall the grape producers were happy with the quality of the grapes.
- 2018 Wine grape producers and cellars in South Africa were positive about the quality of the wines from the 2018 harvest, despite challenging conditions resulting in one of the smallest crops in more than a decade.
- 2017 The South African harvest is slightly larger than last year following a dry season. Dry conditions resulted in healthy vineyards and good flavour concentration.
- 2016 Despite challenging climate conditions and a significantly smaller crop, good quality wines produced and better harvest than expected.
- 2015 Rated as the Vintage of the century. High yields and quality fruits.
- 2014 Later, slightly smaller and unusually cool, among wettest pre-seasons in years. Seemingly lighter, less powerful wines; potential for fine concentration and elegance if picked judiciously.
- 2013 Biggest crop to date, moderate conditions yielded good to very good reds and whites, lighter alcohol levels.
- 2012 Unusually dry, hot January strained unirrigated vineyards; otherwise good to very good vintage for both reds and whites with lighter alcohol levels.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED WITH EACH WINE

Vintage year The actual year of harvesting is indicated next to the name of the wine. Non Vintage means that the wine is a combination of harvests

Character To assist selection, each wine has a character that will highlight the style of the wine: ie, dry.

WINEGROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

WESTERN CAPE

COASTAL REGION
Districts:

Districts:

- CAPE TOWN
- DARLING
- FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY
- LUTZVILLE VALLEY
- PAARL
- STELLENBOSCH
- SWARTLAND
- TULBAGH
- WELLINGTON

KLEIN KAROO
Districts:
CALITZDORP
LANGEBERG-GARCIA

CAPE SOUTH COAST

Districts:

- CAPE AGULHAS
- ELGIN
- OVERBERG
- PLETTENBERG BAY
- SWELLENDAM
- WALKER BAY

OLIFANTS RIVER
Districts

Districts:

- CITRUSDAL VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN

BREEDE RIVER VALLEY

Districts:

- BREEDEKLOOF
- ROBERTSON
- WORCESTER

WARDS NOT PART OF

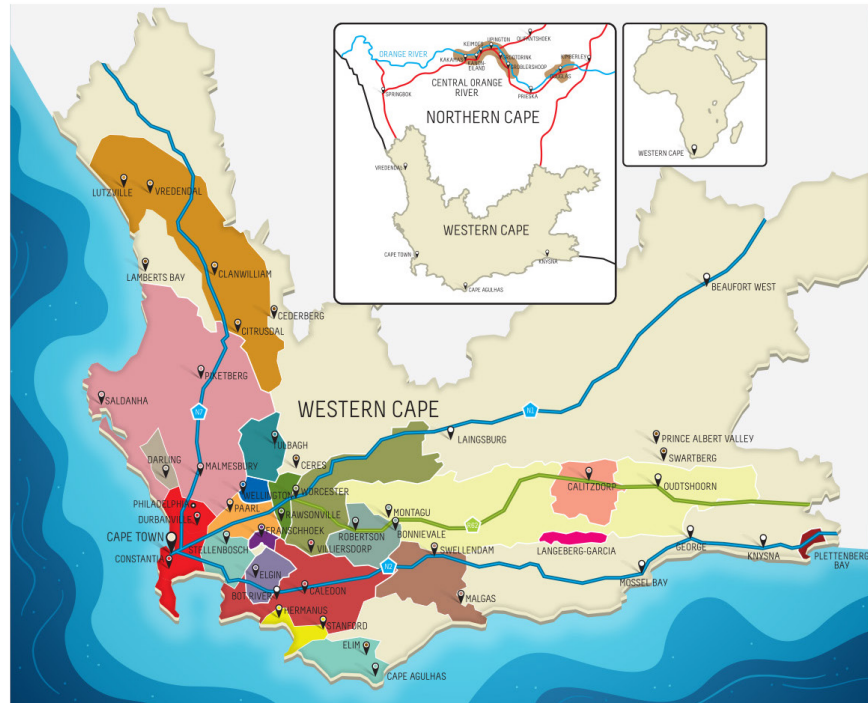
- CEDERBERG
- CERES
- PRINCE ALBERT VALLEY
- SWARTBERG

NORTHERN CAPE

- CENTRAL ORANGE RIVER
(District)



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GOURMET TASTINGS

We also offer gourmet wine tastings, where our chef will create an exquisite 4-8 course dinner whereby each course will complement a carefully chosen wine. In addition, we also conduct Whisky and Chocolate Pairings as well as Vodka Tastings.

NOTES

Vintage Changes

Please note that vintage changes may render a particular wine unavailable which is out of our control. There will however, always be a comparable wine offered.

Corkage

Corkage is available at a cost of R85.00 per bottle (750ml), R95 for champagne/MCC/Sparkling and R125 Magnums or larger.

Note that a maximum of two bottles is permitted, thereafter a surcharge of R80.00 will be applied per bottle.



APERITIF

Enjoy an Aperitif whilst you choose your meal and accompanying wine

Blaauwklippen Before & After

50ml (glass) 140

A masterful blend of wood matured red Noble Late Harvest and Blaauwklippen Potstill Brandy. A sensuous flavour Of cinnamon and Christmas spice

Region: Stellenbosch

Ricard Pastis De Marseille

50ml (glass) 62

It's characterized by it's variety of natural ingredients, including star anise, fennel anise, licorice and aromatic plants from Provence

Region: Marseille, France

Pierre Jourdan Ratafia

50 ml (glass) 52

Chardonnay fortified with potstill Brandy made on the Estate, Haute Cabrière. Legendary winemaker of classic 'Champagne style' wines, Achim Von Arnim.

Region: Franschhoek

WINE BY THE GLASS

WHITE WINES

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2026 **** (V)

180 ml (glass) 98

Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear.

Region: Elim

Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2025 ****

180 ml (glass) 98

77% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Noir

A blush of pink, tropical fruit and citrus aromas follow through on the palate. An all time favourite.

Region: Franschhoek

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2026 ***(*) (V)

180 ml (glass) 90

Crisp and fruity with ripe melon and gooseberry flavours.

Region: Franschhoek

Diemersdal Chardonnay 2026 **** (V)

180ml (glass) 78

Spicy aromas with fresh fruit flavours. The nose is elegant, with the richness of the fruit enhanced by apple & sweet melon.

Region: Durbanville

Leopards Leap Chenin 2026 ***(*)

180ml (glass) 65

A medium bodied, dry Chenin Blanc, made in a fresh fruity New World style

Region: Franschhoek

Leopards Leap Moscato 2026 ***

180ml (glass) 65

Fresh aromas of Litchi and ripe apricot, delicate notes of honey blossom and classic muscat florality and a subtle hint of exotic spice.

Region: Franschhoek

Leopards Leap Chardonnay 2025 (V) ***

180ml (glass) 65

Well-rounded, the palate reveals flavours of ripe grapefruit and lemon zest, accompanied by lovely biscuit nuances that leave a lingering aftertaste.

Region: Franschhoek

Leopards Leap Sauv Blanc *** 2026

180ml (glass) 65

Fresh with a lively tropical fruit character, green fig, pear and citrus with a crisp acidity.

Region: Franschhoek





ROSÈ & BLANC DE NOIR

Jordan Dry Rosé ***(*) 2024

180ml (glass) 115

Vibrant strawberry, raspberry fruit and fresh fynbos herbs.

Region: Stellenbosch

Cederberg Sustainable Shiraz Rose 2026

180 ml (glass) 84

The nose brims with rose petals and Turkish delight, sweet-savoury intrigue and refreshingly tart pomegranate finish.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Boschendal Blanc De Noir *** 2026

180ml (glass) 70

An appealing pale salmon colour leads to bright red fruit, strawberry and red berries. Good freshness, balance and drinkability.

Crisp and dry, but with a pleasant hint of fruit sweetness.

Region: Franschhoek

CAP CLASSIQUE

Boschendal Luxe Nectar NV ****

125 ml (glass) 125

A flourish of delicate bubbles brings forth the decadent crème brulee and almond biscotti deliciousness, balanced with alluring lemon cream and orange peel to finish with vibrant freshness and length.

Origin: Western Cape.

Boschendal Brut NV ****

125 ml (glass) 125

Pale gold with a flourish of delicate bubbles and enticing lemon cream precede lovely layers of citrus and a finish with appealing length and freshness.

Origin: Western Cape.

SPARKLING WINE

Alvi's Drift Brut Blanc De Blanc****

125ml (glass) 84

Pale straw-coloured with lime green hues, bursting onto the palate with delightful aromas of fresh green apple and lemon zest.

Region: Worcester

RED WINES

Beaumont Jackals River Pinotage 2023 ****

180 ml (glass) 230

A delicious mouthful. Pure fresh raspberries and red currants.

Region: Bot River

Meinert Merlot 2020 *****

180 ml (glass) 180

Supple, plush and rounded. The ripe fruit is checked by bright, juicy acidity. A good frame of integrated oak makes for an easy drinking wine.

Region: Stellenbosch

Raats Dolomite Cabernet Franc 2023 *****

180 ml (glass) 165

Cherries, pepper & smokey notes before a sweep of meaty red fruit – cranberries, ripe plums.

Deliciously different.

Region: Stellenbosch

La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 ****(V)

180 ml (glass) 135

Fine floral bouquet, blackcurrant, plum and tobacco hints.

Region: Franschhoek



Groenland Shiraz 2021 ****

Shows restraint and cool tones with savoury, dusty overlay; food style wine.

Region: Stellenbosch

180 ml (glass) 95

Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2024 ***

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz

Rich, plummy Merlot compliments the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon.

The peppery, dark berry fruit of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend.

Region: Stellenbosch

180 ml (glass) 72

Leopards Leap Cabernet/Merlot 2025 ***

Cabernet Sauvignon 85% Merlot 15%

A medium bodied, gently wooded, red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Made in a ripe New World style.

Region: Franschhoek

180ml (glass) 65

Leopard's Leap Merlot 2024 ***

Packed with juicy mulberry and red cherry fruit characteristics with subtle spicy oak undertones and a long, smooth finish.

Region: Franschhoek

180ml (glass) 65

DESSERT WINES

Tierhoek Straw Wine NV 2025 **(*)**

An unctuous wine of immense flavours of dried apricots and honey. Wonderful clean finish on the palate with fine balance of sweetness and fresh natural fruit acidity

Region: Citrusdal

50ml (glass) 125

Vondeling Sweet Carolyn 2022 **(*)**

A golden to light amber colour with a perfumed nose of bright pineapple, ripe apricot, honeyed marmalade and seductive rose petal.

Region: Voor Paardeberg

50ml (glass) 115

Beaumont Goute d'Or 2022 ****

An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillon, dusty botrytis and Sauvignon's refreshing elements.

Region: Bot Rivier

50 ml (glass) 115

PORT

Muratie Ben Prins Cape Vintage 2023 ****

Floral notes of violets and roses entice along with Christmas spice and plum pudding.

Region: Stellenbosch

50 ml (glass) 70

De Krans Cape Tawny Limited Release NV **(*)**

Beautiful orange sapphire in colour with elegant flavours of caramel, toffee, roasted nuts and fruitcake.

Region: Calitzdorp

50ml (glass) 55

Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage

Deep ruby red. Freshly picked grapes with a hint of cinnamon and spice. A velvety and rich wine with a soft and smooth lingering fruitcake finish.

Region: Riebeeck West

50ml (glass) 40





CHAMPAGNE

Dom Perignon 	750 ml	7650
<i>W.O. Haute Villiers, since 1668. An intense, vibrant, tactile yet mature, complex, and sensual champagne - Delicious!</i>		
Region : Champagne (Epernay), France		
Moët & Chandon Rosé 	750 ml	2200
<i>W.O. Epernay. Intense and aromatic blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.</i>		
Region: Champagne (Epernay), France		
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label 	750 ml	2050
<i>Golden-yellow, with a foaming necklace of tiny bubbles. Aroma's of white fruits and raisins, then of vanilla and later of brioche.</i>		
Region: Champagne (Reims), France		

CAP CLASSIQUE

Graham Beck Brut NV ****	750 ml	520
<i>Light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate.</i>		
<i>The exceptionally fine mousse contributes the freshness and finesse.</i>		
Region: Robertson		
Boschendal Luxe Nectar NV ****	750ml	505
<i>A flourish of delicate bubbles brings forth the decadent crème brulee and almond biscotti deliciousness, balanced with alluring lemon cream and orange peel to finish with vibrant freshness and length.</i>		
Origin: Western Cape.		
Boschendal Brut NV ****	750ml	505
<i>Pale gold with a flourish of delicate bubbles and enticing lemon cream precede lovely layers of citrus and a finish with appealing length and freshness.</i>		
Origin: Western Cape.		
Krone Rosé Cuvée Brut 2023 ****	750 ml	495
<i>Sassy, refreshing and uplifting with hints of berry fruits, enticing less yeastiness and an innocently sensual mousse.</i>		
Region: Tulbach		
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut 2024 ****	750 ml	485
<i>The very first Cap Classique released in 1971 and it remains a benchmark. It has notes of Granny Smith apples, citrus and red berry.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch		

PROSECCO

Sartori Prosecco Brut 	750 ml	520
<i>Light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate.</i>		
<i>The exceptionally fine mousse contributes the freshness and finesse.</i>		
Region: Trevisio, Italy		
Zonin Millesimato Special Cuvee 	750 ml	415
<i>Dry and pleasantly fruity with a fresh, aromatic note on the finish, reveals an abundance of Almonds and hints of Citrus.</i>		
Region: Veneto		





SPARKLING WINES

Allure De- Alcoholised Sparkling	750 ml	355
<i>A beautiful de-alcoholised sparkling wine, made from Champagne grapes, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, showcasing fresh stone fruit flavours and lively bubbles.</i>		
Region: Robertson		
Alvi's Drift Brut Blanc De Blanc****	750ml	320
<i>Pale straw-coloured with lime green hues, bursting onto the palate with delightful aromas of fresh green apple and lemon zest</i>		
Region: Worcester		
Leopard's Leap Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir ***(*) (V)	750 ml	298
<i>This vivacious bubbly bursts with flavours of strawberry, raspberry and citrus.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek		

WHITE WINES SAUVIGNON BLANC

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2023 		2350
<i>Displays a lovely spectrum of sauvignon blanc flavours and aromas. Zingy lime / grapefruit citrus, ripe tropical characters and delicate floral notes meld on the nose and palate. A small portion of barrel ferment adds weight and texture to the wine, nicely balanced by a mineral acid backbone.</i>		
Country: Marlborough, New Zealand		
Cederberg Ghost Corner Wild Ferment 2024 ****(*) (V)		750
<i>Naturally fermented with enticing aromas of fleshy white pear and quince and a creaminess from barrel maturation.</i>		
Region: Cederberg/Elim		
Diemersdal Winter Ferment Sauvignon Blanc 2025 ****(*)		405
<i>A new world style of Sauvignon Blanc. After harvest, the juice is frozen at -20 degrees Celsius for 5 months. It's then thawed and fermented. Has intense aromas of gooseberries, tropical fruit and sweet grapefruit with a core of minerality.</i>		
Region: Durbanville		
La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2024 **** (Organically Grown) (V)		395
<i>Citrus, melon, green apple flavours, as well as green pepper & gooseberry flavours, with a mineral finish.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek		
Thelema Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc 2025 ****(*)		275
<i>Beautiful purity of limes and ripe gooseberry, with tropical, floral and fine herbal notes.</i>		
Region: Elgin		
La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2026 ***(*) (V)		260
<i>Engaging gooseberry followed by pineapple, lime and wild grass well balanced by a moderate acidity</i>		
Region: Franschhoek		
Leopard's Leap Sauvignon Blanc 2026 **(*) (V)		190
<i>Fresh with a lively tropical fruit character, green fig, pear and citrus with a crisp acidity.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek		

CHARDONNAY

Newton Johnson South End Chardonnay 2024 ****		598
<i>A classy, full-bodied Chardonnay. Fermented & matured in French oak for 8 months. Inviting citrus and vanilla flavours leave a lingering, crisp & dry finish.</i>		
Region: Hemel & Aarde Valley		
Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2023 ****		425
<i>Peach & spice upon entry, with a spicy mineral mid-palate & a textured finish, great balance & elegance.</i>		
Region: Elgin		





Springfield Wild Yeast Chardonnay (unwooded) 2024 ****

380

Creamily rich texture, ripe tropical flavours simply fold into the mouth with stunning concentration.

Region: Robertson

Vriesenhof Chardonnay Unwooded 2025 ****

270

Crisp citrus aromas and a hint of tropical fruits, with persistent, lingering flavours of nectarines and mango over a spicy edge.

Region: Stellenbosch

Diemersdal Chardonnay 2026 **(V)**

230

Spicy aromas with fresh fruit flavours. The nose is elegant, with the richness of the fruit enhanced by apple & sweet melon.

Region: Durbanville

Leopard's Leap Chardonnay 2025 **(*) (V)

190

Well-rounded, the palate reveals flavours of ripe grapefruit and lemon zest, accompanied by lovely biscuit nuances that leave a lingering aftertaste.

Region: Franschhoek

CHENIN BLANC

Beaumont Hope Maguerite Chenin Blanc (Wooded) 2025 *****

965

Absolute balance between fruit & oak. White peach, citrus & spice aromas at the for with a balance of oak, acidity & touch of minerality. Aged in new & used French oak for 10 months.

Region: Bot River

Cederberg Five Generations Chenin Blanc 2024 **(*)**

870

Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear, with a mouth coating creaminess.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Bernard Series Old Vine Chenin Blanc*** (*) 2024**

555

This cool climate wine showcases vibrant layers of fruit and freshness. Aromas of straw, ripe stone fruit, pineapple, green apple and lime.

Region: Durbanville

Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2024 **(*)**

380

Uninhibited flavours of pineapple, golden delicious apple and citrus. Full mouth feel and lingering aromas.

Region: Stellenbosch

DeMorgenzen Chenin Blanc 2025 **(*)**

330

Green apples, yellow stone fruit, hints of honey and floral aromas characterize a fresh and upfront nose. The palate is rich and unctuous with a lingering aftertaste from the light oaking it receives. Wonderful inviting finish on the palate.

Region: Stellenbosch

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2026 ** (V)**

285

Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear with mineral notes.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Leopards Leap Chenin 2026 *(*)**

190

A medium bodied, dry Chenin Blanc, made in a fresh fruity New World style.

Region: Franschhoek

WHITE BLENDS

Cederberg Ghost Corner The Bowline 2024 **(*) (V)**

705

60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon

Green fig and dusty elements from Semillon complement the ripe asparagus notes from the sauvignon blanc.

Complex wine with well-balanced oak.

Region: Cederberg/Elim



De Grendel Winifred 2023 ****(*)	550
<i>45% Semillon, 40% Chardonnay, 15% Viognier</i>	
<i>An exquisitely complex nose of Peach, Preserved Lemon, Honeycomb and Jasmine, with a zesty youthfulness.</i>	
Region: Durbanville	
DeMorgenzon Maestro White 2023 *****	535
<i>25% Roussanne, 24% Chenin Blanc, 23% Grenache Blanc, 14% Chardonnay, 14% Viognier</i>	
<i>Combination of concentrated orange and yellow stone fruits, with hints of spice, zesty citrus and blossoms.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
Springfield Miss Lucy**** 2025	345
<i>47% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon, 24% Pinot Gris, 5% Sauvignon Gris</i>	
<i>Wonderful fresh citrus notes, nuances of pomelo and mineral aromas..</i>	
Region: Robertson	
Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2025 ****	270
<i>77% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Noir</i>	
<i>An abundance of zesty fruit, most notably white peach, lychee and red fruit; with a delectably full mouthfeel and balance.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	
Leopards Leap Moscato 2026 ***	190
<i>Fresh aromas of Litchi and ripe apricot, delicate notes of honey blossom and classic muscat florality and a subtle hint of exotic spice.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	

ROSÉ & BLANC DE NOIR

Jordan Dry Rosé ***(*) 2024	335
<i>Vibrant strawberry, raspberry fruit and fresh fynbos herbs.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
Cederberg Sustainable Shiraz Rose 2026	245
<i>The nose brims with rose petals and Turkish delight, sweet-savoury intrigue and refreshingly tart pomegranate finish.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
Boschendal Blanc de Noir 2026 ***	195
<i>An appealing pale salmon colour leads to bright red fruit, strawberry and red berries. Good freshness, balance and drinkability.</i>	
<i>Crisp and dry, but with a pleasant hint of fruit sweetness.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	

OTHER WHITE VARIETALS

Louis Latour Chablis 2021 	1550
<i>Pale yellow in colour, a light mineral nose. Notes of flint, mineral and hint of citrus, lemon and almond. Well rounded taste.</i>	
Region: Chablis, France	
Boekenhoutskloof Semillon 2020 ****(*)	1250
<i>Subtle and lessy, with some herbal and orange zest notes and a wild, naturally fermented undertone.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	
Cederberg Sandpoort Sauvignon Gris 2023 ****(*)	830
<i>The pale, translucent colour creates luminosity in the glass with summer fruit flavours of pineapple, pear and ripe red apple.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
Meinert “The Italian Job” White Merlot 2021****	665
<i>The nose is delicately imprinted with rose petals, white peach and quince with faint flint aromatics follow through to a textured palate and crisp linearity.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
Newton Johnson Albarino 2024 ****(*)	595
<i>On the nose it shows some citrus, peach & floral notes, adding a touch of oak spice with that yeasty complexity</i>	
<i>Great balance of fruit & minerality & great acidity to balance.</i>	
Region: Hemel & Aarde Valley	



**Bosman Fides Grenache Blanc ****(*) 2022****570**

This "Orange Wine" is naturally fermented on the skins. Complex dried, waxy orange peel, marzipan with secondary fruit characters and a hint of dried herbs.

Region: Wellington

Vrede en Lust Viognier 2024 ******440**

Barrel fermented in French and Hungarian oak barrels. Aromatic wine that is both Opulent and fresh, with succulent apricots and ripe peaches. Vibrant lemon and mango follow through with a silky texture

Region: Simonsberg-Paarl, Elgin

Pilgram Viura 2024 ******410**

Light golden Hue, sweet Jasmine and lemon blossom perfume present, with more saline, tilled earth notes waiting in the backround

Region: Bredekloof Valley

Cederberg Bukettraube 2025 *(*)****335**

An explosion of aroma and flavour. Prominent Muscat flavours with apricot and floral notes on the nose. A well-balanced wine with a delicate sweetness and a crisp acidity.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Oak Valley Stone & Steel Riesling 2023 **(*)****265**

Dried apricot, jasmine and kerosene on the nose with pineapple, grapefruit and some lovely fennel savoury notes on the palate.

Region: Elgin

Simonsig Gewürztraminer 2025 *(*)****255**

Sweet aromatics and spice are beautifully balanced by fresh acidity and finesse, and extend onto the lingering honeyed spice finish.

Region: Stellenbosch

RED WINES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 **(*)****1900**

French oak has intensified the rich aromas of blackcurrant and cassis, layered with decadent dark chocolate and cherry tobacco.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 **(*) (V)****790**

Spicy aromas of liquorice and vanilla mingle with blackcurrant fruit. Layers of fruit and oak tannins provide the necessary framework for ripe full fruit flavours of plum and blackberry.

Region: Stellenbosch

Jordan The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 **(*)****598**

Deep ruby colour, huge mouth filling flavours of blackberry, cassis and vanilla. French Oak barrels add a complex toastiness.

Region: Stellenbosch

La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 **(V)****395**

Intense blackcurrant, violets, mint and fleshy plum with seamless oak integration.

Region: Franschoek

Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 ******275**

A beautifully well rounded fruity wine that flavours your palate with hints of Black Pepper and Berry notes, as well as a smooth, lingering chocolate flavour finish.

Region: Stellenbosch

PINOTAGE

Steytler Pinotage 2021 **(*)****1500**

Sweet spice, freshly picked red plums, black cherries and cola are supported by aromatic toasted coconut and milk from the youthful oak.

Region: Stellenbosch



Wildeckrans Pinotage Barrel Selection 2022 **(*)**

865

Full bodied yet smoothly structured. Toasty oak and sweetish finish detract from pretty raspberry undertones.

Region: Bot River

Southern Right Pinotage 2022 ** (V)**

830

Intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice.

Full ripeness and the longer hang-time afforded by cooler sites.

Region: Hermanus

Beaumont Jackals River Pinotage 2023 ****

680

The wine shows intense plum and chocolate nose, with cherry tobacco and cedar wood. Tannins are soft and well balanced.

Has a full palate with exceptionally long after-taste.

Region: Bot River

Bernard Series Bush Vine Pinotage 2022 **(*)**

650

Deep ruby with tints of purple on the rim. Liberal black cherry, ripe mulberry and raspberry confit aromas are followed by plum pudding, smoked meat flavours and savoury hints of truffle, as well as good spice oak integration on the long, succulent finish.

Region: Franschhoek

Painted Wolf The Den Pinotage 2024 ***

260

Medium-bodied with ripe boysenberry and mulberry, savoury spice, subtle cocoa, and toasty wood flavours.

Region: Paarl

SHIRAZ

The Bernard Series Basket Press Syrah 2021 **(*)**

650

A powerful aromatic wine that is assertive yet delicate and refined, with ample cracked black and white pepper spice, hints of rich dark chocolate. against a substantial red berry fruit foundation tinged with subtle floral suggestions of violets and dried indigenous fynbos.

Region: Franschhoek

Cederberg Shiraz 2021 **(*) (V)**

615

Intense fruit flavours of mulberries, spice and cherries follow through leaving a silky smooth sensation.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

De Grendel Shiraz 2022 **(*)**

510

Full bodied, with violets and blackberries and well supported by oak undertones and sweet ripe tannins that linger with a beautiful clove flavour.

Region: Durbanville

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah 2022 **(*)**

440

A medium-bodied Syrah with a vibrant colour. The nose has bright dark fruit with contributing perfumed aromas of violet sand rose petal.

Region: Darling

Groenland Shiraz Classic 2021 ***

280

This complex and traditional cultivar will tease your taste buds- on the palate with vanilla and smokey aromas.

Region: Stellenbosch

Franschhoek Cellar Baker Station Shiraz 2024 **(*)

225

Brimming with exuberant mulberry and plum flavours, it has soft ripe tannins that provide a well-structured and balanced juicy finish.

Region: Franschhoek

MERLOT

Meerlust Merlot 2023 **(*)**

960

Intense dark fruit on the nose, mulberry and damson plum with hints of dark chocolate and spice.

Region: Stellenbosch



**Vergelegen Merlot 2021 ****(*)****670**

Ripe plum colour with a ruby rim. The nose shows ripe fruit flavours, black cherries, plum, spice and a touch of chocolate. The ripeness of the fruit is balanced by fresh fruit acidity and soft wood/fruit tannins. The aftertaste is long and lasting.

Region: Somerset West

Meinert Merlot 2020 *(*)****530**

Our Meinert Merlot offers an array of complex red and black berries, overlain with spice and supported with juicy, supple tannins. Careful cellaring will reward you with great longevity, but one need not lay this wine down before being able to fully enjoy as our philosophy of 'a great wine only gets better with age' underpins our wine-farming philosophy. Enjoy each sip to enrich the soul and ignite your inner youthful spark.

Region: Stellenbosch

Franschhoek Cellar Old Museum Merlot 2024 **(*)**225**

Soft and juicy with attractive plum and black cherry aromas intertwined with herbal tea, liquorice and gentle oak spice.

Region: Franschhoek

Leopard's Leap Merlot 2024 *****190**

Packed with juicy mulberry and red cherry fruit characteristics with subtle spicy oak undertones and a long, smooth finish.

Region: Franschhoek

PINOT NOIR**Cederberg Ghost Corner Pinot Noir 2025 ****(*) (V)****780**

Red fruit of ripe cherries and raspberries and an undertone of earthy, mushroom nuances with delicate oak.

Region: Elim

De Grendal Op Die Berg Pinot Noir 2023 **(*)****745**

Clear bright garnet colour with a plush array of fresh strawberries, ripe cherries and a hint of forest mushrooms.

Region: Durbanville

Oak Valley Sound of Silence Pinot Noir 2025 ******350**

Dried strawberry, cured meats and potpourri on the nose with beetroot and cranberry on the palate.

Region: Elgin

Paul Clüver Village Pinot Noir 2025 *(*)****350**

Classic, evocative garnet colour with aromas of dark fruit and wild bush.

Region: Elgin

OTHER RED VARIETALS**Margaux Private Selection 2020 ■ ■****1750**

A perfumey nose with intense black berry flavours and fair oak structure. It has lots of tannins which cloak the fruit flavours.

Region: Bordeaux, France

Marques De Riscal Reserva Rioja 2020 ■**1400**

Cherry-red colour with good robe. Spicy, balsamic aromas of great complexity, with notes of ripe dark berries and light toasted nuances. On the palate it is full and tasty, with good structure and rounded, elegant tannins.

Country: Spain, Rioja Alavesa

Sadie Family Treinspoor 2020 **(*)****990**

Tinta Barocca is a grape that carries the soil into the bottle, it is a great communicator of terroir. The grape has had a longstanding relationship with the Swartland and the spicy herbal aromatics and dark purple plum like fruit carries over into a very tight and compressed core of the wine.

Region: Swartland – Malmesbury



Sadie Family Soldaat 2022 *****

990

The fermentation of the Soldaat vineyard is a wonderful experience in the cellar since the red strawberry, cherry and pomegranate kind of fresh fruit aromas and perfumes fill the entire space; and these and similar flavours are to be found in the resultant wine. Grenache is a grape that completely translates the terroir into liquid.

Region: Citrusdal Mountain – Piekenierskloof

E. Guigal Cotes du Rhone 2020

980

Ripe but restrained, fruity yet elegant, this richly concentrated red offers luscious black cherry and berry flavors nuanced by hints of earth, smoke and spice. The palate is rich and fleshy but anchored by taut acidity and a finely edged backbone of tannins.

Region: Rhone Valley, France

Neil Ellis Piekenierskloof Grenache 2020 **(*)**

870

The nose has red cherries and strawberries with perfumed violet like aromas. A fresh palate with flavours of raspberries and strawberries leading into a balanced mid palate of fine textured tannins.

Region: Stellenbosch, Piekenierskloof

Steenberg Nebbiolo 2017 **(*)**

740

On appearance, this wine is ruby red with a typically clear yet bright hue. The bouquet displays primary notes of fresh strawberry coulis, dried cranberry along with some truffle, leather and red cherry. The wine displays the natural tart acidity and grippy tannins of Nebbiolo on the palate, although with a well-rounded and fuller mouth-feel than can sometimes be the case with this varietal. Flavours of sour cherry, raspberry and tobacco leaf linger to give the wine brilliant length and persistence.

Region: Constantia

Paul Wallace Black Dog Malbec 2021 **(*)**

570

Exotic nose with hints of black plums, blue and black berries, bramble, rhubarb, violets and a touch of cumin. A satisfying fruit-filled mouthful of dark fruits linked by a herbal element and held together by rounded, silky tannins.

Region: Elgin

Lost Boy Cinsault 2023

515

A vibrant, aromatic red, crafted using Beaujolais techniques. This lighter, elegant wine is bursting with cherry and bubble gum aromas.

Region: Paarl

Zorgvliet Petit Verdot 2022 *****

495

Has an intense black colour with a vibrant purple rim. The nose is deep and brooding, with black fruit on the nose and aromas of violets, printers ink, iodine, dried sage and cassis. Tight and focused structure on the mid palate with a medium length finish.

Region: Stellenbosch

Raats Dolomite Cabernet Franc 2023 **(*)**

480

Dark plum, cherry, cinnamon and clove notes on the nose. Concentrated, silky round tannins that run from start to finish, showing dark chocolate and rich plum flavours.

Region: Stellenbosch

De Krans Tinta Roriz 2019 *(*)**

395

Full bodied red with savoury spice and earthiness. Soft red fruit flavours and chewy tannins.

Region: Calitzdorp

Diemersdal Malbec 2024 *(*)**

370

A concentrated wine with ripe black fruit and spicy undertones, a mineral core and a juicy finish.

Region: Durbanville

De Krans Touriga Nacional 2022 *(*)**

345

Full, well-balanced wine with complex flavours of black currents, dried prunes, cherry cigar and violets, with a lingering aftertaste of dark chocolate and a smooth tannin.

Region: Calitzdorp

RED WINE MAGNUMS

Meerlust Rubicon 2022 **(*) (V)**

1.5l Magnum 3200

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot

Exotic aromas of plum, sandalwood and a touch of creamy vanilla with cassis and mulberry flavours.

Region: Stellenbosch





Grangehurst Nikela 2014 ****

35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Pinotage, 23% Shiraz, 8% Merlot

This full bodied mature red wine has a ruby/mulberry colour with mint, cedar and mocha aromas and flavours.

A full-bodied barrel matured red wine with smooth, ripe tannins.

Region: Stellenbosch

1.5l Magnum 1700

Cederberg Shiraz 2013 ****

A complex Shiraz filled with intense red fruit, mulberry and cherries on the nose.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

1.5l Magnum 1450

Rupert and Rothschild Classique 2020 **(V)**

50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

Aromas of red plum, raspberries and cherries are prominent, layered with forest floor and oak spice expressed as toasted caramel and walnut.

Region: Paarl

1.5l Magnum 1200

La Motte Shiraz 2020 ****

Luscious fruit, rich and complex flavours of plums, vanilla and spice.

Region: Franschhoek

1.5l Magnum 1100

Vondeling Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2005 ****

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot

A highly regarded vintage, softened by time, this gentle giant still has the resonance of greatness. Once powerful, the wine now shows elegant redberry fruit with sweet notes of toasted tobacco and sandalwood.

Region: Paarl

1.5l Magnum 765

RED BLENDS

Mvemve Raats de Compostella 2020 *****

41% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec, 14% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot

Wonderfully balanced Bordeaux blend. Deep, dark, intense ruby colour, aromas of crushed black plum and hints of cigar smoke.

Rich and bold with mineral black berry fruit & bittersweet cocoa notes on the finish.

Region: Stellenbosch

4800

Buitenverwachting Christine 2017 **(*)**

47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec

From the Director's Cellar. Merlot, cab franc and malbec, offers rich deep cassis & cherry fruit. Spicy cedar minerals.

A touch leaner than previous, but nicely zesty.

Region: Constantia

1425

Frescobaldi Nipozzano Riserva Chianti 2018

90% Sangiovese, 4% Malvasia Nera, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Colorino, 2% Merlot

A crunchy Ruffina mainly from 1970s Sangiovese vines with dashes of both local heritage and international varieties, too. Fermentation in stainless steel precedes 24 months in concrete and large, second-fill oak vats. Its bright scarlet hues mirror equally bright and deliciously savoury fruit. The compact palate provides coherent interplay between fruit and tannin with no sense of overripeness or oaky angularity. It's mouthwatering now, but resist so its texture evens out fully.

Region: Tuscany, Italy

1350

Meerlust Rubicon 2023 **(*)**

Cabernet Sauvignon 44%, Merlot 40%, Cabernet Franc 12%, Petit Verdot 4% *A youthful deep ruby red colour.*

A complex perfume of violets, ripe black plum, blackberry, cassis with cedar wood and potpourri spice.

Region: Stellenbosch

1350

Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2021 **(*)**

42% Sangiovese, 17% Nebbiolo, 15% Pinot Noir, 12% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre, 7% Barbera

This vintage is fresh and alive with a characteristic Italian mouthfeel reflecting fruity complexity. Olive and red current flavours combine with cranberry to result in a lingering finish and complex mouthfeel. Excellent maturation is expected.

Region: Hermanus

840



Bernard Series Small Barrel SMV 2020 **(*)**

810

Shiraz 62%, Mourvèdre 35%, Viognier 3%

Deep ruby with a bright crimson rim. An entry of alluring black and red berry and cherry aromas layered with dark chocolate, winter spice, rose and violet on the nose carried through to an intricate intensely fruited palate that is both powerful and graceful. A long, full finish of good length and complexity.

Region: Franschhoek

The Chocolate Block 2023 **(*)**

610

71% Syrah, 11% Grenache, 9% Cinsault, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Viognier

This wine has a gorgeous nose that expresses abundant floral perfume supported by cedar, redcurrent, black pepper, coriander and suggestions of Turkish Delight. This wine is poised and textured.

Region: Franschhoek

Rustenberg John X Merriman 2024 **(*)**

610

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

Glossy high-toned ripeness presently accompanied by persistent grip.

Region: Stellenbosch

Groenland Steenkamp 2018 **(*)**

598

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot

Full bodied, fruity wine with black pepper, nut and berry aromas on the nose. The tannins are well structured and in perfect harmony.

Region: Stellenbosch

Ataraxia Serenity 2021 ****

580

Cinsault, Pinotage and Pinot Noir.

Finely scented vibrant nose with beautifully lifted dark berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spicy notes..

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

Rupert & Rothschild Classique 2022 (V)

520

50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

Nuances of fresh cranberry and wild black cherry which evolves into delicate hazelnut truffle chocolate with a silky, smooth lingering texture. Recommended with seared Springbok loin, braised Springbok shoulder and aromatic potato pudding with a gastrique of port cherry and puffed barley.

Region: Stellenbosch

Brampton The Roxton 2021 *(*)**

405

84% Petit Verdot, 10% Shiraz, 6% Malbec

The Petit Verdot contributes to the muscular structure of the wine while the Shiraz adds a distinctive flavour to the mid-palate.

The Malbec add bright berry fruit. This wine displays delicious dark black cherries with dark chocolate and spice on the mid-palate and a lingering finish.

Region: Stellenbosch

Cederberg Merlot/Shiraz 2023 *(*) (V)**

315

70% Merlot, 30% Shiraz

The entry captures an abundance of red berries and dark fruits. succulent cherries, cranberries, sweet plums and hints of chocolate, leather and spice.

Region: Cederberg/Elim

Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2024 ***

210

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz

Rich, plummy Merlot complements the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon. The peppery, dark berry fruit of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend.

Region: Stellenbosch

Leopards Leap Cabernet/Merlot 2025 ***

190

Cabernet Sauvignon 85% Merlot 15%

A medium bodied, gently wooded, red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Made in a ripe New World style.

Region: Franschhoek





DESSERT WINES

Tierhoek Straw Wine NV ****	(375ml)	650
<i>An unctuous wine of immense flavours of dried apricots and honey. Wonderful clean finish on the palate with fine balance of sweetness and fresh natural fruit acidity</i>		
Region: Citrusdal		
Vondeling Sweet Carolyn 2022 ****(*)	(375ml)	595
<i>A golden to light amber colour with a perfumed nose of bright pineapple, ripe apricot, honeyed marmalade and seductive rose petal.</i>		
Region: Voor Paardeberg		
Beaumont Goute d'Or 2025 ****	(375ml)	595
<i>An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillion, dusty botrytis.</i>		
Region: Bot River		

PORT

Muratie Ben Prins Cape Vintage 2023 ****	50 ml (glass)	70
<i>Floral notes of violets and roses entice along with Christmas spice and plum pudding.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch		
De Krans Cape Tawny Limited Release NV ****(*)	50ml (glass)	55
<i>Beautiful orange sapphire in colour with elegant flavours of caramel, toffee, roasted nuts and fruitcake.</i>		
Region: Calitzdorp		
Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage	50ml (glass)	40
<i>Deep ruby red. Freshly picked grapes with a hint of cinnamon and spice. A velvety and rich wine with a soft and smooth lingering fruitcake finish.</i>		
Region: Riebeeck West		

DIRECTOR'S RESERVE LIST RED WINES

Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2015 *****	5400
<i>70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot</i>	
<i>Complex and perfumed on the nose, with a layered fruit spectrum of cassis, plums and sour cherries which are further complimented by notes of tobacco, cedar wood and cigar box. The full and rich expression of the 2015 vintage, which is expressively fruit forward and opulent, will stand the test of time and be very rewarding to those with some patience.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
Raats Cabernet Franc 2012 ****	3400
<i>From the Director's Cellar. Dark plum, cherry, cinnamon and clove notes on the nose. Concentrated, silky round tannins that run from start to finish, showing smokey dark chocolate and rich plum flavours.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
Luddite Shiraz 2008 ****	2400
<i>From the Director's Cellar. Appearance: Deep purple and dark red. Nose: Rich vibrant fruit, mostly plums and mulberries, dark chocolate and hints of wooding. Palate: Dark fruit and a rich mouth feel welcome you on entry to the palate. There is a feeling of decadence which is balanced by firm tannin, spice and toasty wood.</i>	
Region: Bot River	
Veenwouden Classic 2000 ****(*)	2100
<i>50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec</i>	
<i>From the Directors Cellar. The benchmark Bordeaux blend, soigné black currants and pencil shavings, sustain flavours in classic structure – SUPERB!</i>	
Region: Paarl	



Stellenzicht Syrah 2002 **(*)**

1100

*A Cape icon, opaque depths, harbouring gorgeous mocha and dark choc hints.
Balanced persistence. Fruit starting to evolve.*

Region: Stellenbosch

Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 ****

1050

Herbal tone with ripe cassis checked by dry, firm tannins from 18 months French oak.

Region: Stellenbosch

Ernie Els Meritage Reserve 2014 ****

550

Cabernet Franc 47% Malbec 29% Merlot 18% Cabernet Sauvignon 6%

The poised blue fruit and violet floral notes lead to a dense and black fruited core. Laced with toasty oak notes and a hint of earthy underbush and vibrant red and black fruits.

Region: Stellenbosch

Ernie Els



Wine Terms & Wine Lingo

Learning some wine terminology is often the first step to increasing your wine knowledge. Use our list below to help you along as you encounter new wine lingo.

ACIDS

Acids give wine tartness. Several acids are in the grape before fermentation, and others arise afterward. Acids often make a wine seem “crisp” or “refreshing.”

AFTERTASTE

A tasting term for the taste left on the palate after wine has been swallowed. “Finish” is a synonym.

ALCOHOL

Generally refers to ethanol, a chemical compound found in alcoholic beverages. It is also commonly used to refer to alcoholic beverages in general.

AROMA

The smell of a wine. The term is generally applied to younger wines, while the term Bouquet is reserved for more aged wines.

ASTRINGENCY

The degree of astringency (how much a wine makes your mouth pucker) depends upon the amount of tannin a wine has absorbed from the skins and seeds of the grapes. A moderate amount of astringency is desirable-it creates a lovely flavor-in many red wine types.

BALANCE

A wine has balance when its elements are harmonious; when no one part dominates. Acid should balance against sweetness; fruit should balance against oak and tannin; alcohol balances against acid and flavor.

BLIND TASTING

Tasting and evaluating wine without knowing what it is.

BODY

It’s all about how thin or thick the wine feels in your mouth. “Light body” connotes a thin feeling in your mouth. “Medium body” means that a wine is full-flavored, without being too heavy. “Heavy body” means the wine has a robust, round, and very rich feel.

BOUQUET

Smells that result from a wine’s aging process. Bouquet can also describe a wine’s overall smell.

BRUT

A French term for a very dry champagne or sparkling wine. Drier than extra dry.

CARBONIC MACERATION

A winemaking practice of fermenting whole grapes that have not been crushed.

CHAPTALIZATION

A winemaking process where sugar is added to the must to increase the alcohol content in the fermented wine. This is often done when grapes have not ripened adequately.

CHARMAT PROCESS

The Charmat or bulk process is a method where sparkling wines receive their secondary fermentation in large tanks, rather than individual bottles as seen in Méthode champenoise.





CLARIFICATION

A winemaking process involving the fining and filtration of wine to remove suspended solids and reduce turbidity.

CORKED

A tasting term for a wine that has cork taint.

CRÉMANT

French sparkling wine not made in Champagne region.

CUVE

A large vat used for fermentation.

CUVÉE

A wine blended from several vats or batches, or from a selected vat. Also used in Champagne to denote the juice from the first pressing of a batch of grapes.

DECANTING

The process of pouring wine from its bottle into a decanter to separate the sediment from the wine.

DÉGORGEMENT

The disgorging or removal of sediment from bottles that results from secondary fermentation.

DRY

Wines with zero or very low levels of residual sugar. The opposite of sweet, except in sparkling wines, where dry means sweet.

FERMENTATION

This is the way in which grape sugar is converted to ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide, thereby converting grape juice into wine.

FINING

A clarification process where flocculants, such as bentonite or egg white, are added to the wine to remove suspended solids.

FINISH

The finish is the overall taste that remains in your mouth after you've swallowed the wine; it's the length and pleasantness of the aftertaste. A well-balanced, full-bodied wine usually has a long finish, while a well-balanced, light-bodied wine has a shorter finish.

FLABBY

Tasting term used to indicate a wine lacking in structure, often marked by low acidity.

FREE RUN

Juice obtained from grapes that have not been pressed.

LATE HARVEST WINE

Also known as late picked, wine made from grapes that have been left on the vine longer than usual. Usually an indicator for a very sweet or dessert wine.

LEES

Wine sediment that occurs during and after fermentation, and consists of dead yeast, grape seeds, and other solids. Wine is separated from the lees by racking.

LEGS

You've seen them-the drops of wine that creep down the side of the wine glass. A higher alcohol content means thinner legs flow back into the wine after you swirl the glass.

LOOK

A tasting term for the casual sensory evaluation of a wine.





MACERATION

The contact of grape skins with the must during fermentation, extracting phenolic compounds including tannins, anthocyanins, and aroma. See also Cuvaizon.

MOUTHFEEL

The various sensations – thick or thin, round or lean – a wine can create while in the mouth.

NOSE

Many wine lovers prefer to say nose, but what they actually mean is the smell or aroma of the wine. The nose of a wine is best sensed by smell just after you swirl the wine in your glass. Check out How to Taste Wine to learn more about the classical process of wine tasting.

OFF-DRY

A wine that has the barest hint of sweetness; a slightly sweet wine in which the residual sugar is barely perceptible.

PALATE

A tasting term for the feel and taste of a wine in the mouth.

PLONK

British English slang for an inexpensive bottle of wine. The term is thought to originate from the French word for white wine, “blanc”.

RACKING

The process of drawing wine off the sediment, such as lees, after fermentation and moving it into another vessel.

RESERVE

A term given to wine to indicate that it is of higher quality than usual.

RESIDUAL SUGAR

Often referred to as RS, it is a measure of the amount of sugar remaining in the wine after fermentation stops. RS is usually measured in grams of sugar per liter or milliliter of wine, and it indicates how sweet or dry a wine is.

TANNINS

Naturally occurring substances found mostly in grape skins, seeds and stems. They can give young wines a mouth-puckering bitterness and astringency, but some tannins are desirable in red wines to give them structure.

TERROIR

French for “soil”, the physical and geographical characteristics of a particular vineyard site that give the resultant wine its unique properties.

UNOAKED

Also known as unwooded, refers to wines that have been matured without contact with wood/oak such as in aging barrels.

VARIETAL

The varieties of grape from which the wine was made. You might be familiar with many of these: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Shiraz.

VINICULTURE

The art and science of making wine. Also called enology (or oenology). Not to be confused with viticulture.

VINTAGE

The year in which the grapes used to make the wine were harvested.

VITICULTURE

The cultivation of grapes. Not to be confused with viniculture.

YOUNG

Wine that is not matured and usually bottled and sold within a year of its vintage.