

Wine

P O R T F O L I O

A great deal of care has been taken in the compilation of this wine list. It is by no means inclusive of all the great wines produced in the Cape, but it is certainly reflective of the outstanding quality that South African wines have become renowned for.

For the adventurous and discerning palate, we have also made a special selection of international wines available.

Keeping in line with 1800°'s commitment to preserving the environment, we have further included a selection of some of the finest organic wines the Cape has to offer. These have been appropriately indicated with a green symbol and are very reasonably priced. ♻️

We sincerely hope that you will find pleasure and enjoyment in the fine wines that we have listed here.

Please do not hesitate to ask your waiter at any time, for a taste of any of the wines we serve by the glass.

*"Burgundy makes you think of silly things, Bordeaux makes you talk of them
and Champagne makes you do them."*

Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Wine Regions

CONSTANTIA

This is a historical region, tucked away in the southern suburbs of Cape Town, where the first vineyards were planted in South Africa. As well as being a beautiful region, the vineyards are ideally situated on the slopes of Constantia Mountain, where they are cooled by the sea breezes.

FRANSCHHOEK

The Franschhoek valley is a small but significant region situated inland, to the north-east of Stellenbosch. Surrounded by the magnificent Drakenstein Mountains, the wide variety of soils and relatively high rainfall permits the production of a wide variety of wine styles. It is a warmer region than Stellenbosch, and with its profusion of trendy restaurants, it can rightfully claim the title of the gourmet capital of the winelands.

PAARL

A well-known region, north-east of Cape Town, and home to several leading producers, Paarl is traditionally a white wine region, but with its Mediterranean climate and terroir, they are now focusing more on the red varieties. This is an excellent wine producing area as the very best wines come from the more elevated vineyards.

ROBERTSON

Some 120 km east of Cape Town, and adjacent to Worcester, is a hot region called Robertson, which is rather paradoxically, best known for their exceptional white wines but keep your eyes peeled as some winemakers are now producing some outstanding reds.

STELLENBOSCH

Just a short distance east of Cape Town, Stellenbosch is one of the country's leading wine areas and is home to many of the country's leading estates. The vineyards are fringed by mountains and make for some lovely views; and the wine route, which takes tourists through several different trails, is well marked out.

SWARTLAND

The Swartland is a large region to the north of Cape Town, which is an important wheat farming area, but also has significant importance in wine production. Their annual rainfall is low, so irrigation is usually required. Although co-operatives dominate the production of wine in this area, some individual farms have recently shown interesting wines.

WALKER BAY

This cool-climate wine region, on the Whale Coast, to the south-east of Cape Town, is on the up. More producers are slowly starting to achieve the success experienced by Hamilton Russell and Bouchard Finlayson. Well known for Chardonnay & Pinot Noir.

WELLINGTON

Wellington has perfect soil conditions for growing vines, so it is no coincidence that the vast majority of the vine-cuttings used to create vineyards in South Africa originated here. The wine route, quite rightly, has an excellent reputation for the informality and friendliness of its approach. Wellington is better known for their top quality red wines like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinotage, as well as old favourites such as Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

Cape Vintages through the Years...

2010

Lengthy heat waves and high winds in late October and early November have made 2010 a rather challenging year, but this was offset by a fair amount of unseasonal rain. This was particularly instrumental in making it a good year across the board, especially for Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

Warwick Professor Black, Bizoe Henrietta, Creation Pinot Noir

2009

By all accounts, 2009 was one of the best vintages ever in the Cape. That doesn't mean it was easy. The grapes took their time to ripen and the harvest was late but the end result was superb reds and whites. Look out for Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from this year.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

De Morgenzon Chardonnay, Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir

2008

This vintage will be remembered for the wet summer preceding the harvest and for the long, cool growing season. While this made life in the vineyard difficult, the slow ripening of the grapes also made for elegant wines. The cooler weather also meant less sugar in the grapes and therefore less alcohol in the wine.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

De Grendel Brut, Sequillo Red

2007

Despite a heat wave early in the season, the later-ripening varieties turned out well. Sauvignon Blanc did well among the whites and Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz are among the vintage's red stars.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, Boschrivier Shiraz

2006

The unusually cold and wet winter and cool, windy start to spring resulted in smaller berries (grapes) with thicker skins - a good thing as concentrated flavours in the fruit normally show in the wine. The vintage will be remembered for its Sauvignon Blancs and Chenin Blancs as well as the fleshy, low-alcohol reds.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

Kleinood Tamboerskloof Shiraz, Meerlust Rubicon, Cape Point Semillon

2005

This harvest yielded better reds with lovely colour. There were some good whites too although it mostly was an average year for white wine with a general shortage of whites.

ON OUR WINE LIST:

Morgenhof Cabernet Sauvignon

Sauce and Wine Pairing

SAUCE	WHITE WINE	RED WINE
Argentinean Chimichurri	Iona Sauvignon Blanc	Tamboerskloof Shiraz, Sequillo Red
Belgian Red Wine Jus	Saronsberg Viognier	Nabygelegen 1712, Meerlust Merlot
French Béarnaise	De Morgenzon Chardonnay	La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon, Warwick Three Cape Ladies
German Wholegrain Mustard	De Grendel Brut	Doolhof Malbec, Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon
Italian Mushroom	De Morgenzon Chenin Blanc	Signal Hill Pinot Noir, Warwick Trilogy
Colombian Coffee	Hartenberg "The Eleanor" Chardonnay	Moreson Pinotage, Signal Hill Petit Verdot
Madagascan Peppercorn	Cape Point Semillon	Waterford Kevin Arnold Shiraz
Sicilian Rossini	Bizoe Henrietta	L'Ormarins Optima, Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon
Perigord Truffle	Sequillo White	Paul Cluver Pinot Noir, Boekenhoutskloof Syrah
Venezuelan Chocolate	Paul Cluver Riesling	Doolhof Merlot, Warwick Pinotage
Asian Chilli	Elgin Vintners Viognier	Boschrivier Shiraz, Southern Right Pinotage
Japanese Soy and Wasabi	Waterford Sauvignon Blanc	Creation Merlot, Iona Syrah

House Wines

Glass

Carefully selected based on criteria such as quality, versatility, and accessibility, our house wines offer exceptional value. The wines on offer may change from time to time depending on what the ever-dynamic local wine market has to offer.

Kindly note that our house wines are only available by the glass.

1800° White	20
1800° Red	22
1800° Sparkling	25

Champagne

Bottle

Bollinger 'La Grande Année' 1999 (Ay)	3900
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Only released in 'exceptional' years, this outstanding Champagne presents a complex floral, coffee & brioche-scented nose progressing into graphite, vanilla and citrus flavours. Light-weight & intense, with a lively structure and a long, lingering finish.

Dom Perignon 2000 (Reims)	3750
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Gorgeous, seductive, floats on the palate with remarkable grace.

Toasty aromas meld into freshly cut flowers, apricots and pears, with sweet notes of mint and liquorice that linger on the long finish.

A classic Dom Perignon vintage.

Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial NV (Épernay)	1250
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Aromas reminiscent of toasted bread and black cherry. On the palate, it is rich and smoky, yielding very pleasant flavours of cherry, lemon tart and toasted brioche, intertwined with strawberries, red currants, nectarines and a hint of cinnamon.

Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial NV (Épernay)	965
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The delicate aroma develops into an elegant toasty nose with pear, apple and citrus overtones. Complex with great depth infused with flavours of butter and brioche and a high concentration of candied fruit, ginger bread and vanilla.

Methode Cap Classique

Glass Bottle

Graham Beck	Brut Rosé NV (Franschhoek)	39	220
<p>A Pinot Noir-dominant blend with a bright salmon colour and vibrant mousse with ripe strawberries and a long, creamy finish.</p>			
Krone 'Borealis'	Brut 2007 (Tulbagh)	40	230
<p>This multiple award winning vintage wine has an elegant, biscuit bouquet with yeasty lees creaminess, and fine persistent bubbles. 4.5 Star John Platter 2011.</p>			
Avondale 	Brut NV (Paarl)	46	265
<p>A sultry, seductive wine that is alive with flavours of lemon, apple pie, and biscuit, with a touch of honey. Dry, crisp, and complex.</p>			
De Grendel	Brut 2008 (Durbanville)		290
<p>Fresh apple flavours and sweet tropical fruit backed by some biscuit richness. The fruit weight fills out the mid-palate and the mineral crispness ensures a well-balanced wine with substantial length.</p>			
Colmant Brut Tradition	NV (Franschhoek)		290
<p>Toasty flavours are well balanced against citrus nose. Smooth yeasty tones and a long finish. This bubbly will age well and can be enjoyed with food.</p>			

Chardonnay

Glass Bottle

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2009 (Franschhoek)	30	130
<p>Lively aromas of Golden Delicious apple and vanilla wafer with a light floral edge. A rich, rounded mouthful, it shows similar spicy baked apple and citrus soufflé on a creamy, buttery base.</p>			
De Morgenzon	2009 (Stellenbosch)		165
<p>From the renowned estate where Baroque music is played to the vines 24/7 in the belief that the power of music positively influences the ripening process. Sweet vanilla and hints of almonds on the nose with clean tropical fruit to follow. Excellent oak integration.</p>			
Edgebaston	2009 (Stellenbosch)		165
<p>Floral tones are well supported by a backbone of yeast and wood treatment. This wine is smooth and full and would leave you wondering why you have not tried it before.</p>			
Jordan	2011 (Stellenbosch)	35	179
<p>Beautiful, Chablis style unwooded Chardonnay. Fresh citrus and floral aromas with underlying tropical fruit and winter melon. Rich full palate with a long, well balanced leesy finish.</p>			
Elgin Ridge	2010 (Elgin)		249
<p>This stunning, unwooded Chardonnay shows lots of white fruits, pears, peaches and apples on entry. Dry refreshing mid-palate a clean and balanced finish.</p>			
Hartenberg 'The Eleanor'	2007 (Stellenbosch)		385
<p>4.5 Stars in Platter's SA Wine Guide (2009). This is a complex and full-bodied wine, showing fruit richness, layers of citrus, and classic minerality. In a class of its own.</p>			
Hamilton Russell	2009 (Walker Bay)		590
<p>Intense pear fruit aroma and flavours is brought beautifully into focus by a tight line of natural acid and dry minerality. An elegant yet textured and intense wine with a strong personality of both place and vintage.</p>			

Sauvignon Blanc

Glass Bottle

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2010 (Franschhoek)	25	99
Shows typical Sauvignon characteristics of passion fruit, melon and tropical aromas with mineral undertones.			
Iona Sophie Te'blanche'	2010 (Elgin)	29	132
Floral notes of honeysuckle, lemon zest and ruby grapefruit over-lay subtle herbal undertones. Excellent value wine.			
Waterford	2010 (Stellenbosch)		185
Ripe tropical nose, chalk and lime undertones to balance. Palate is crisp with a round voluptuous mid-palate, and classical dry finish.			
Nitida	2010 (Durbanville)		190
Vivacious wine brimming with gooseberries and tropical flavours, restrained ever so elegantly by lime zest, grapefruit and lemongrass. Beautiful fruity aftertaste and a lingering crispness.			
Warwick 'Professor Black'	2010 (Stellenbosch)	49	220
The wine shows an abundance of tropical fruit, pear, grapefruit, litchi and green fig flavours on the nose that carry through to the palate.			
La Motte	2009 (Franschhoek)		225
'Pierneef Collection' 			
Rich complexity of tropical fruit flavours. Hints of 'fynbos'. Lime and gooseberry on the palate, complemented by a firm structure and refreshing acidity.			
Iona	2010 (Elgin)		230
On the nose the high floral notes of honeysuckle, lemon zest and ruby grapefruit over-lay Iona's distinctive herbal undertones. The palate is keenly balanced showing cut green apples and lime marmalade followed by great minerality and length.			

Chenin Blanc

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2009 (Franschhoek)	25	99
This Chenin Blanc shows aromas of stone fruit, citrus and some floral notes. Good fruit structure, voluptuous mouth feel and a long finish.			
Kleine Zalze	2010 (Stellenbosch)	31	140
Concentrated aromas of tropical honeysuckle fruit, with a hint of botrytis and French oak. Rich and creamy mouth-feel with elegant acidity.			
Morgenhof	2010 (Stellenbosch)	43	195
A wonderful expression of citrus, lime and passionfruit flavours with a harmonious balance of French oak and a creamy palate that finishes with a lingering freshness.			
De Morgenzon Reserve	2009 (Stellenbosch)		345
Layers of pineapple, vanilla and quince on the nose, culminating in a tropical fruit salad, with crisp acidity and perfectly in balance. The lingering aftertaste is of honeybush, grapefruit and a hint of ginger.			
FMC	2008 (Stellenbosch)		585
The pinnacle of what is considered to be the finest expression of the grapes of this varietal. A truly iconic Chenin. Rich layered with dried apricot, vanilla, and honey.			

Other White Varietals

Glass Bottle

Cape Point Semillon	2006 (Cape Point)	45	220
<p>Nose shows dusty, herbaceous tones with blackcurrant, limes and subtle oak. This follows onto a tight palate along with fresh acidity and ends with a bone dry finish.</p>			
Paul Cluver Riesling	2009 (Elgin)		210
<p>This wine show typical varietal flavour, lots of spice and floral tones is very austere and has the typical Riesling nervousness. The palate is elegant and rich with a long lingering after taste carried by good acidity.</p>			
Cederberg Bukettraube	2011 (Cederberg)	35	175
<p>A well-balanced wine with an exotic yet delicate character, laced with a crisp acidity. Expressive floral aromas, hints of dried mango, apricots and honey blend to form this complex nose component. The perfect accompaniment to spicy dishes.</p>			
Saronsberg Viognier	2009 (Tulbagh)		225
<p>The wine has a light straw colour and flavours of butterscotch, nutty caramel, pear and lime. It has a rich, silky palate and a balanced oak finish.</p>			

Blended White Wines

Buitenverwachting	2010 (Constantia)	28	125
<p>'Buiten Blanc' This full bodied Sauvignon Blanc based blend offers a variation of fruit characters including ripe gooseberry, green peppers, green melon and hints of tropical fruit. A South African favourite!</p>			
Haute Cabrière	2010 (Franschhoek)	35	165
<p>Chardonnay Pinot Noir Characterful, early drinking just-dry white, blended from the juice not required for the sparkling range. Un-oaked, with a salt-grass bouquet and a firm, lightish palate.</p>			
Sequillo White 	2009 (Swartland)		310
<p>A blend of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Rousanne, and Viognier mostly fermented on the lees in larger French oak. Understated power, subtly intense fruit, lingering with mineral note. John Platter 2010 Winery of the Year and 5 stars in the 2010 Platter guide.</p>			
Bizoe 'Henrietta'	2010 (Stellenbosch)		335
<p>Outstanding Semillon-driven Bordeaux style blend with wisps of orange peel on the palate, fresh tropical fruit aromas and a delicate aftertaste derived from being carefully matured in French oak.</p>			

Blanc de Noir & Rosé

Glass Bottle

Pierre Jourdan 'Tranquille'	2009 (Franschhoek)	25	100
<p>The fragrant bouquet introduces a wine with fine fruit flavours and a dry finish. The Pinot Noir is apparent in the pink hue and rich elegant flavour. Distinguished dry elegance and balance says it all.</p>			
De Morgenzon Rosé	2009 (Stellenbosch)	26	110
<p>From the renowned estate where Baroque music is played to the vines 24/7 in the belief that the power of music positively influences the ripening process. Cherries and strawberry nose, followed by crispy summer fruit salad palate.</p>			
Iona 'Sophie Rosé'	2010 (Elgin)		132
<p>Delicate rose pink in colour with a bouquet of honey, raisins and rose petals, this barely dry wine is a taste experience not to be missed.</p>			
Avondale Rosé 	2009 (Paarl)	30	135
<p>Sweet Muscat flavours of rose petal and potpourri, with complex and interesting Mourvèdre flavours following. This adds complexity to the palate. The wine appears sweet, yet it finishes completely dry.</p>			
Waterford 'Rose Mary'	2009 (Stellenbosch)		150
<p>Spicy and smooth. This wine can be enjoyed with food or on its own. 8 Different varieties of red grapes made into a well-balanced rose with a soft off white colour.</p>			

Merlot

Glass Bottle

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2008 (Franschhoek)	29	125
<p>This elegant wine shows dark fruit, mint and bitter chocolate. Great structure, subtle spice and firm tannins. Excellent quality wine from A. Rupert.</p>			
Doolhof	2007 (Wellington)	36	169
<p>Soft and fruity, an opulent wine, with plum flavours and mellow tannins. Rich and silky.</p>			
De Grendel	2008 (Durbanville)		210
<p>A full bodied wine filled with a combination of different berries on the nose. Mulberry, raspberry, and blackberry fruit accompanied by liquorice and mocha flavours that carry through the palate. Will supported by firm French oak tannins.</p>			
Creation	2009 (Walker Bay)		295
<p>Dark chocolate and mocha on the palate, combine with generous, ripe berry flavours, supported by the firm structure derived from judicious oak maturation.</p>			
Thelema	2008 (Stellenbosch)		310
<p>Pretty ref-fruit characters with some hints of spices such as cinnamon and liquorice on the nose. The palate is juicy, broad and ripe, packed with red and black berry fruits, a firm, well integrated oaky structure and a bold, well defined finish. Wonderfully balanced.</p>			
Meerlust	2007 (Stellenbosch)		465
<p>A typical Merlot nose with juicy plum and mulberry fruit, lifted spiciness and hints of dark chocolate and ink. Refreshing acidity, structured yet silky tannins and pronounced length and minerality.</p>			
Veenwouden	2007 (Paarl)		490
<p>Arguably one of the finest examples of South African Merlot, this wine exhibits rich maraschino cherry, raspberry, cranberry and a hint of chocolate espresso. On the palate, it has good underlying acidity with rich ripe fruit and a lingering aftertaste.</p>			

Pinot Noir

Glass Bottle

Signal Hill	2007 (Stellenbosch)	45	229
<p>Classic Burgundian winemaking style that results in lovely earthy aromas with hints of cherry and raspberry, with wild mountain herbs and a touch of Dominican tobacco.</p>			
Haute Cabrière	2007 (Franschhoek)		330
<p>New world style with a red cherry freshness and delicate complexity. This wine will complement any seafood dish on our menu.</p>			
Creation	2010 (Walker Bay)		355
<p>New world style with a red cherry freshness and delicate complexity. This wine will complement any seafood dish on our menu.</p>			
Paul Cluver	2009 (Elgin)		410
<p>With excellent colour, this wine's expressive wild berry on the nose is complemented by hints of chocolate, violet and coffee aromas. The complex palate overflows with lingering sweet berry flavours.</p>			
Bouchard Finlayson 'Galpin Peak'	2009 (Walker Bay)		550
<p>This vintage is rich with luscious soft tannins and dark-coloured forest fruits, deftly balanced on a cord of lingering plum and raspberry delights.</p>			
Hamilton Russell	2008 (Walker Bay)		590
<p>Typical Hamilton Russell Vineyard's tight, dry, complex mineral character and length balancing a rich viscous palate. A classic terroir driven wine. Without a doubt, one of the finest Pinot Noirs in this part of the world.</p>			

Cabernet Sauvignon

Glass Bottle

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2008 (Franschhoek)	29	125
<p>Typical Cabernet with dark berry, cassis, mineral and mocha tones. Full ripe fruit flavours with an accessible structure make this a quality wine that one would expect from A. Rupert. Excellent value!</p>			
Morgenhof	2005 (Stellenbosch)	38	165
<p>Enticing fruit aromas with hints of tobacco and cedar wood. Cassis fruit with gentle tannins lead to a rewarding finish.</p>			
La Motte	2008 (Franschhoek)		275
<p>The intense nose shows cinnamon spice, violets, truffle and dark chocolate. It further reminds of ripe cherries and savoury caper berries. A true representation of fine South African Cabernet.</p>			
Springfield 'Whole Berry'	2009 (Robertson)		259
<p>The red wine cellar has been carefully designed on a gravity flow system so that the journey of the grape into wine is undertaken in the traditional way. The result is a velvety wine with softer tannins and classical varietal characteristics. This traditionally made wine is unfiltered and shows lovely herbs and rooibos on the nose.</p>			
Waterford	2007 (Stellenbosch)		285
<p>Dark crimson hue with vibrancy of youth, aromas of lead pencil, chalk and bitter cherry and cigar smoke. Classically dry and tight structure, backed with dense tannins and dark fruit. A wine meant for classic Cabernet lovers...</p>			
Klein Constantia	2008 (Robertson)		340
<p>Harvested at optimal ripeness and then matured in French oak barrels for eighteen months, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold expression of the cool Klein Constantia climate. Lovely prominent blackcurrant and red cherry flavours on the nose and follow through on the palate, with a touch of mint.</p>			
Rust en Vrede	2008 (Stellenbosch)		395
<p>Rhubarb and aniseed aromas are backed by cedar and a hint of cocoa powder. Dark cherry aromas are also prevalent. A well structured Cabernet with beautiful grainy tannins.</p>			
Edgebaston 'GS'	2007 (Stellenbosch)		675
<p>Typical cassis and blackcurrant fruit on the nose with fresh minty, herbaceousness backed by mocha vanilla. Long lasting hints of sweet Mulberry follow through to join with the fresh Vanilla and Nutmeg on the finish.</p>			

Mooiplaas	2007 (Stellenbosch)	32	150
<p>Ruby red colour, bouquet very typical of Pinotage-sweets and fruit cake on the nose with well integrated oak. This is a soft and drinkable wine that the Mooiplaas Pinotage is known for. 4 star John Platter rating.</p>			
Doolhof	2008 (Wellington)	37	165
<p>Impressive plum aromas and cassis, musk, black truffle and leather flavours. Matured for 10 months in French oak barrels. A winner in its class!</p>			
Reyneke ♡	2008 (Stellenbosch)	48	225
<p>Medium-bodied and highly enjoyable, this perfumed Pinotage combines elegance and loads of red fruit charm.</p>			
Warwick	2009 (Stellenbosch)		245
<p>This wine has a deep and intense garnet colour. The nose shows ripe cassis and smoky flavours that fuses with almond and chocolate aromas. The palate is full round with ripe chewy tannins and flavours like coffee, cherry, cigar box and liquorices.</p>			
Môreson	2009 (Franschhoek)		299
<p>Ripe warm-summer plums and cherry with hints of decadent dark chocolate and earthy coffee. The palate shows an impressive array of complex sweet flavours followed by firm ripe tannins that give a well-balanced, persistent aftertaste.</p>			
Southern Right	2008 (Walker Bay)		315
<p>A very impressive Pinotage made by the renowned Russell Hamilton team. Cooler climate fruit and serious wine making skills give an elegant Pinotage offering a palate full of plum and raspberry fruit flavours, hints of earthiness and savoury coffee notes on the finish.</p>			
Kanonkop	2008 (Stellenbosch)		560
<p>Crafted from the fruit of some of South Africa's oldest Pinotage vines, this benchmark bottling is a true Cape classic! Alluringly complex and distinctive, it boasts juicy layers of dark berries, cassis and plum intertwined with hints of banana and mocha and a smoky, minerally undercurrent.</p>			

Shiraz

Glass Bottle

Anthonij Rupert 'Protea'	2008 (Franschhoek)	29	125
<p>Beautifully delicious smoky dark fruit, classy rather than voluptuous, smooth and appealing with spice infused flavours. Excellent value wine!</p>			
Boschrivier	2007 (Overberg)	45	199
<p>Chocolate, cloves, allspice, smoky oak and freshly ground pepper bouquet are prominent on the nose. On the palate; dark cherries, cloves, nutmeg and Allier wood spices combine to give an exceptionally balanced wine. 4 Star John Platter.</p>			
Kleinood 'Tamboerskloof'	2006 (Stellenbosch)		210
<p>Dark ruby colour. Inviting, complex nose with red berries, plums and supportive fynbos, white pepper and spicy flavours. Well balanced palate that confirms the nose with firm tannin and a lingering peppery aftertaste. 4.5 Star John Platter rating.</p>			
La Motte	2008 (Franschhoek)		275
<p>The nose shows familiar Shiraz spice such as pepper, aniseed, cinnamon and clove. This is backed up by blackcurrant fruit and sweet candy floss and liquorice aromas. The body is muscular, but the tannins are well rounded and integrated.</p>			
Iona	2007 (Elgin)		315
<p>Intense aromas of bramble underpinned by white pepper and mixed spice. Winter berries, stewed plums and cloves finish a rich, opulent palate with firm, fine-grained tannins. Superb cool-climate Syrah.</p>			
Waterford 'Kevin Arnold'	2008 (Stellenbosch)		345
<p>Slightly oaky overtones combine with spice and mocha on the nose. Full rich and fairly dry on the mouth feel. The long finish makes this an excellent food wine.</p>			
Boekenhoutskloof	2008 (Franschhoek)		550
<p>This outstanding Syrah shows intense depth of fruit with delicate texture and well-integrated tannins. The nose is explosive with black fruit, raspberries and hints of blossom. A spicy, aromatic profile develops with some age.</p>			

Blended Red Wine

Glass Bottle

Hartenberg	2008 (Stellenbosch)	32	140
<p>A Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz blend. Gentle tannins with a rounded dry finish. An easy drinking wine that consistently over delivers.</p>			
Nabygelegen	2007 (Wellington)	45	210
<p>'Seventeen Twelve' Merlot for suppleness, Cabernet for structure and Petit Verdot for the backbone. This elegant wine has berry richness with blackcurrants and ripe plums overlaid with soft, smoky, aromatic tannins.</p>			
Warwick 'Three Cape Ladies'	2007 (Stellenbosch)	55	265
<p>This Cape style blend displays lots of prune and berry compote aromas as well as peppermint chocolate and Sandalwood. The Pinotage is soft and sweet while the Merlot and Shiraz offers a subtle spiciness.</p>			
L'Ormarins 'Optima'	2006 (Franschhoek)		280
<p>An intense Bordeaux style blend, balancing red berries, crushed cherries, spices and chocolate. The fruit aromas complement flavours on the palate with hints of caramel backed by a firm tannin structure.</p>			
Sequillo Red 	2008 (Swartland)		310
<p>John Platter 2010 Winery of the Year and 4.5 Stars in the 2010 Platter guide. Having spent 24 months in French oak barrels, this unique organic blend displays profound minerality and spicy aromas.</p>			
Constantia Glen 'Three'	2007 (Constantia)		330
<p>A superlative blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The nose is complex showing underpinnings of the 3 Bordeaux varieties, with aromas of pencil shavings and blackberries. 4.5 Star John Platter 2010.</p>			
Warwick 'Trilogy'	2008 (Stellenbosch)		565
<p>The wine displays an intense brick red dark colour. On the nose the wine expresses intense Cedar, herbaceous spiciness and lots of wild berries and black olive aromas.</p>			
Meerlust 'Rubicon'	2006 (Stellenbosch)		585
<p>This iconic wine has an intense, deep ruby colour. Deep, dark fruit, cassis, plum and black cherry bouquet. Pronounced minerality on the nose with graphite, cedar smoke and cigar box bouquet.</p>			

Other Red Varietals

Glass Bottle

Altydgedacht Gamay Noir	2011 (Durbanville)	30	140
<p>A fine example of lively, fresh, youthful Beaujolais-style wine showing berry fruits. Made to be enjoyed on the year of its production. Served chilled.</p>			
Signal Hill Petit Verdot	2004 (Paarl)	35	160
<p>Hints of leather, cigar box, cedarwood, black Zanzibar pepper, cloves... The result of refined "elevage" over a long period. Intense violets, tamed by extended oakling. Seductive and firm.</p>			
Doolhof Malbec	2009 (Elgin)		190
<p>This deep purple wine shows a myriad of flavours on the nose. Violets, black cherries and prunes intermingled with spices and savoury undertones of sage and rosemary.</p>			
Raats Cabernet Franc	2008 (Stellenbosch)		585
<p>Luscious Cabernet Franc that is the definition of elegance. Harmoniously integrated flavours of blackberry, black cherry and plum mingle with tobacco, cinnamon and spice. 4Ω Star J. Platter, and 91 points Wine Spectator.</p>			

Dessert Wines - per 50ml

50ml Bottle

Jordan 'Melifera'	2010 (Stellenbosch)	35	280
<p>Delicate, floral and fresh ripe apricot bouquet with a limey citrus twist. Sun-dried peach and apricot flavours with a well-balanced acidity add elegance to the long rich finish.</p>			
Shannon 'Macushla' Pinot Noir	2009 (Elgin)	50	325
<p>A botrytised Pinot Noir dessert wine of delicate salmon pink hue, beguiling fragrance and temptingly moreish, it re-defines the style. Sugar and acid in very good balance, fresh red berry fruit in keeping with Pinot Noir character along with dried fruit/candied flavours.</p>			
Klein Constantia 'Vin de Constance'	2005 (Constantia)	120	750
<p>A luscious wine of international reputation. Abundant with dried pineapple and raisins. A stunning Muscat which gives way to a rich, complex palate with tropical fruit, fresh acidity, and a lingering finish.</p>			

International White Wines

Glass Bottle

Alain Chavy, 2005 (France) 1950

Puligny Montrachet

This first growth Chardonnay from Burgundy, Les Pucelles is full-bodied and steely, with mineral notes and hints of citrus and butterscotch on the palate. Crisp acidity and great length.

Domaine Gaston Huet 850

Vouvray, Le Haut Lieu 2005 (France)

Chenin Blanc from the Loire valley is just off-dry with fantastic acidity and full-bodied richness and honey flavours that unfold over time.

Dr Loosen

Auslese Wehlener, Sonnenuhr 2006 (Germany) 950

Riesling from Mosel in Germany is typically off-dry, tempered with acidity and flavours of apples and pears.

Denis Jamin, Reuilly 2006 (France) 450

Sauvignon Blanc from the central vineyards of France, presenting a grassy, mineral nose with a lovely, dry finish on the palate.

International Red Wines

Chapoutier, 2000 (France) 1100

St Joseph Les Granits

Nicely mature colour. Rusty but without any amber and still dark and deep at the core. Deep, savoury peppered black olives with whiffs of smoked game meat and bramble sweetness.

Domaine Usseglio,

Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Cuvée Imperiale 2004 (France) 1210

Wild, pungent and expressive on the nose, with aromas of cherry, liquorice, charred meat and pepper. Finishes firm, with good supporting fruit.

Costers del Siurana, 2000 (Spain) 985

Clos de L'Obac

A blend of five grape varieties, mainly fifty year old Garnacha and Cari'ena vines. Powerful wine with structure and complexity.

Giovanni Corino,

Barolo Vigne Giachini 2004 (Italy) 990

Shy nose that opens up with soft fruit, a mineral base and some hints of cedar. Good follow through to the palate with a long finish held up by good acidity.