

# LIQUID SUNSHINE

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*“The combination of great wine, good food and interesting company is the recipe for memorable moments.”*

**Roy Davies, General Manager at The Vineyard Hotel**

*“They say that wine gets better with age.  
This would be the only time I’m excited about getting old.”*

**Matt Deitchman, Food & Beverage Manager**

*“Every bottle of wine has a story to tell and every moment spent with great company deserves a great accompaniment. Take time and find a wine of choice that will compliment your dining experience.”*

**Ndaba Dube, Square Restaurant Manager**

Our Wine Strategy Team has indicated inside this wine list, for a quick reference, a few wines that you should try. This is a guide to wines that we have enjoyed as a group and individually and hope you do too.

Look out for our initials from above mentioned team:  
RD, MD & ND

We have included some Wine Spectator, Enthusiast and John Platter ratings to aid you in finding the right wine for your dining experience.

When next, if you have time, please feel free to visit our 128 vines along the Liesbeek River at the edge of our beautiful gardens.

Enjoy the diversity in your glass.

 Indicates Organic Wines

 Indicates The Vineyard Hotel’s five wine partners;  
Klein Constantia, Simonsig, Meerlust, Warwick, Waterford



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*Corkage: Should you not be able to make a selection from our list, a fee of R60 per bottle of still wine and R75 per bottle for sparkling wine will be charged.*

*Should a particular vintage be exhausted, the next available vintage will be offered.*

# WINE GROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

## COASTAL REGION

DISTRICTS

- Swartland
- Stellenbosch
- Tygerberg
- Cape Point
- Constantia (Ward)
- Tulbach
- Paarl
- Darling

## KLEIN KAROO REGION

DISTRICTS

- Calitzdorp
- Upper Langkloof (Ward)

## WARDS NOT PART OF A REGION

- Ceres
- Cederberg
- Lower Orange
- Prince Albert Valley

## OLIFANTS RIVER REGION

DISTRICTS

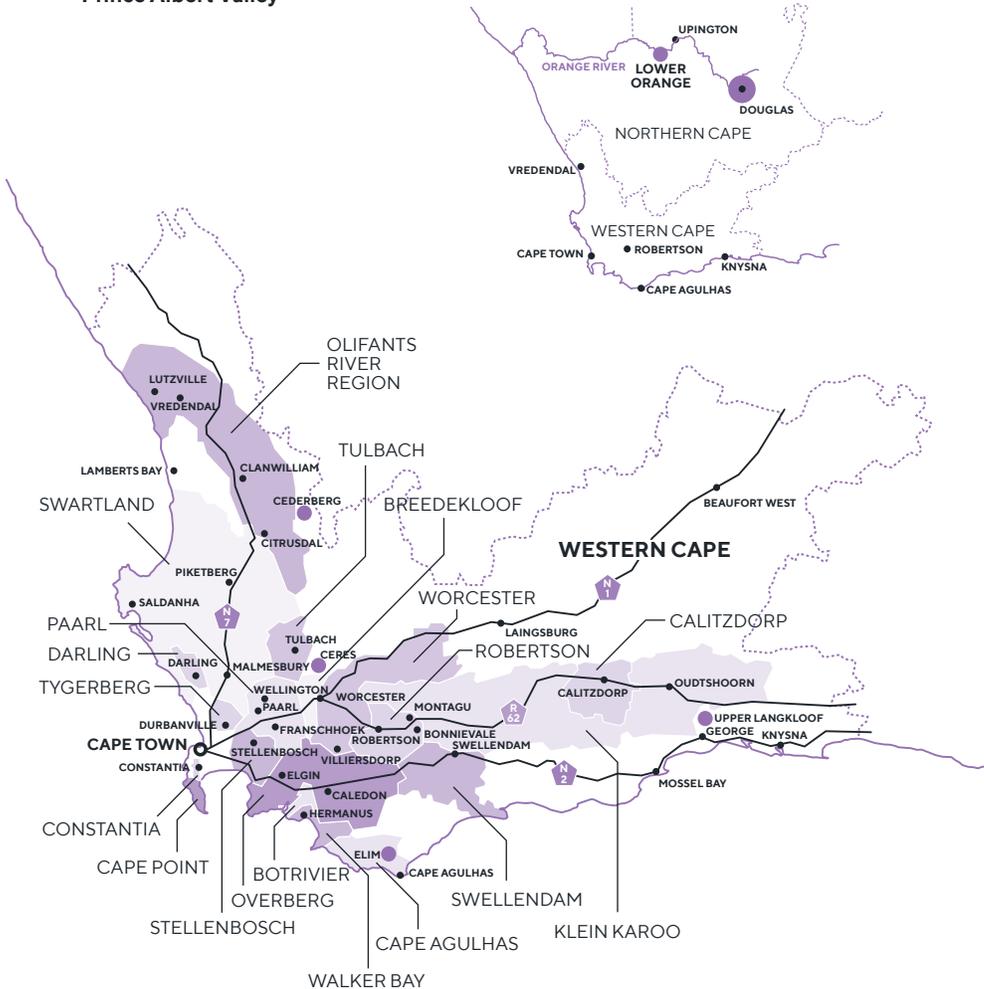
- Lutzville Valley
- Citrusdal Valley
- Citrusdal Mountain

## BREDE RIVER VALLEY REGION

- Breedekloof
- Worcester
- Robertson
- Swellendam

## DISTRICTS NOT PART OF A REGION

- Overberg
- Walker Bay
- Douglas
- Cape Agulhas
- Botrivier



# THE VINEYARD'S VINEYARD

*Excerpt taken from an article written by  
Fiona MacDonald – past editor of Wine Magazine*

“The scope of the subject of wine is never ending,” wrote British (and world) wine authority Hugh Johnson, “so many other subjects lie within its boundaries. Without geography and topography it is incomprehensible; without history it is colourless; without taste it is meaningless; without travel it remains unreal. It embraces botany, chemistry, agriculture, carpentry, economics – any number of sciences whose names I do not even know. It leads you up paths of knowledge and by-ways of experience you would never glimpse without it.”

Almost all of these elements converge in a single project which is being undertaken by The Vineyard Hotel in Newlands, Cape Town. And guests strolling along one of the many paths or by-ways in the beautifully lush gardens of this historic 207-room hotel set on 7.5 acres in the midst of suburbia will discover a vineyard once more along the banks of the Liesbeek River. This vineyard is more humble than those which were present when its original owners took occupation of their new house in February 1800. Naming their property The Vineyard was easy – since there were some 22 000 vines already planted there!

Famous Cape diarist, Lady Anne Barnard, and her husband Andrew, colonial secretary to the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, Earl Macartney, moved into their newly built house in February 1800 – right in the middle of the annual grape harvest. It was almost 141 years earlier, to the

KLEIN  
CONSTANTIA  
— 1685 —



MEERLUST



SIMONSIG  
STELLENBOSCH



WARWICK  
— ESTATE —



WATERFORD  
ESTATE  
STELLENBOSCH

day, that Jan van Riebeeck wrote his famous diary entry on February 2, 1659: "Today, praise be to God, wine was made for the first time from Cape grapes."

In February 2009 South Africa celebrates the 350th anniversary of winemaking. The replanting of this vineyard is just one of the measures to commemorate this historic occasion. "The intention is never for this to be a commercial project," says Roy Davies, General Manager at The Vineyard Hotel. "Yes, we fully intend to harvest the vines – and we will supply them to our five wine partners – Meerlust, Warwick, Simonsig, Waterford and Klein Constantia. At some point we will probably make up 100 special commemorative packs of our partners' wines.

"Our idea is to bring The Vineyard's history alive for our guests. Not only can they visit our genuine vineyard planted with a range of grape varieties, but we can use it to enliven our wine offering.

The five wine farms involved in The Vineyard project also boast significant winemaking histories: the Malan family has produced wine since 1688, although Simonsig was established as recently as 1953. Meerlust has been in the Myburgh family since 1756, the Warwick wine track record goes back to 1791 and Klein Constantia's dates back to 1818. Waterford may have only been around in its present form since 1998, but it was once part of the original Stellenrust landholding – granted in the 1700s as Rustenburgh but later renamed to avoid confusion with the other farm of the same name.

Hannes Myburgh (Meerlust), Johan Malan (Simonsig), Mike Ratcliffe (Warwick), Kevin Arnold (Waterford) and Lowell Jooste (Klein Constantia) have all thrown their weight behind this project, assisting with the vine selection, assessment of the site's suitability, soil analysis and labour.

# SOMMELIER'S LIST

*The Sommelier's list has been created to offer you the opportunity to gain access to wines that have been bought and stored in our maturation cellar. These wines are either the last of their bin ends or are a rarity in their own statue. We have created this list for you to have access to a spectrum of wines for you to consider when ordering your next bottle. Share it with friends or maybe even compare it with a current vintage, but we hope that you enjoy what our Sommelier has selected.*

## WHITE WINES

<b>Bayede Queen Mantfombi Rosé Brut 2011</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>260</b>
Stellenbosch		
<b>Jordan Rhine Riesling 2005</b>		<b>115</b>
Stellenbosch		
<b>Deetlefs Weisser Riesling 2007, 2008</b>		<b>150</b>
Rawsonville		
<b>Ecology Sauvignon Blanc 2007</b>		<b>160</b>
Botrivier		
<b>La Vierge Last Temptation Riesling 2011</b>		<b>190</b>
Hemel-en-Aarde		
<b>Graham Beck Game Reserve Chenin Blanc 2015</b>		<b>190</b>
Robertson		
<b>Jordan Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc 2011</b>		<b>235</b>
Stellenbosch		
<b>Gabriëlskloof Viognier 2014</b>		<b>240</b>
Botrivier		
<b>Vin D' Orrance Kama Chenin Blanc 2013</b>		<b>270</b>
Western Cape		
<b>Glenwood Wooded Chardonnay 2010</b>		<b>270</b>
Franschhoek		
<b>Durbanville Hills Rhinofields</b>		<b>280</b>
<b>Sauvignon Blanc 2007 CWG Auction</b>		
Durbanville		
<b>MC Square Chardonnay 2000</b>		<b>425</b>
Franschhoek		
<b>Silverthorn The Green Man 2013</b>		<b>480</b>
Robertson		
<b>HRV Chardonnay 2009</b>		<b>595</b>
Walker Bay		
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## RED WINES

<b>Neethlingshof Cabernet Sauvignon 2014</b>	<b>195</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Nederburg Manor House Shiraz 2008</b>	<b>225</b>
Paarl	
<b>Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection Pinot Noir 2015</b>	<b>230</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection Pinot Noir 2016</b>	<b>240</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Darling Cellars Cabernet/Merlot 1998 Magnum</b>	<b>276</b>
Darling	
<b>Warwick Old Bushvine Pinotage 2014</b>	<b>310</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Hartenberg Merlot 2014</b>	<b>310</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Haut Espoir Shiraz 2008</b>	<b>310</b>
Franschhoek	
<b>Mooiplaas Cabernet Sauvignon 2013</b>	<b>320</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Villiera Domaine Grier Crusade 2007</b>	<b>385</b>
Languedoc France	
<b>Morgenster Italian Collection Tosca 2006</b>	<b>430</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Morgenster Red Carton 2005</b>	<b>595</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 2006</b>	<b>500</b>
Hemel-en-Aarde	
<b>Raats Cabernet Franc 2008</b>	<b>630</b>
Stellenbosch	
<b>Vilafonte Series M 2007</b>	<b>750</b>
Paarl	
<b>Vilafonte Series M 2005</b>	<b>785</b>
Paarl	
<b>Schalk Burger No.6 2005</b>	<b>950</b>
Wellington	
<b>Luddite Wild Hoar Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008</b>	<b>1250</b>
Botrivier	
<b>Meerlust Rubicon 1.5L 2001</b>	<b>1200</b>
Stellenbosch	



# 500 CLUB

*The 500 CLUB list has been created to offer you a chance to find a bottle of wine that you wouldn't have tried before due to the value of it and its price at the time. We believe these wines are worth every penny and everything on this list is available at the fixed price of **499**.*

**De Waal Top of the Hill Pinotage 2003**

Stellenbosch

**Ataraxia Chardonnay 2010 CWG Auction**

Elgin

**Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2008**

Hemel-en-Aarde

## WHITE WINES

### A string of pearls

*The Benedictine monk, notably Dom Perignon, are associated with the creation of Champagne. "Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!" is supposedly what he said when tasting the first sparkling Champagne. Three varieties are permitted in Champagne: red Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier and white Chardonnay, carefully processed so as to enhance the appetizing acids that stimulate the palate. First fermentation creates the base wine (usually very tart and difficult to drink at this stage!). Sugar and yeast are added into the bottle again for the second fermentation. The bubbles (co2) are a by product of the fermentation process taking place inside the bottle, which are desirably unable to escape and as a result leave a carbonated wine at the end of the process. Champagne is synonymous with celebration, good company and pleasure. Don't forget it!*

## CHAMPAGNE

### **Taittinger Brut Réserve NV**

**275 1350**

Mareuil-Sur-Ay France

The nose, very expressive and open, is both fruity and bready. It exudes aromas of peach, white flowers and vanilla pod. This is a delicate wine with flavours of fresh fruit and honey.

### **Billecart-Salmon Brut Réserve NV**

**1650**

Mareuil-Sur-Ay France

Finesse and elegance of pear and blackberry with hints of citrus fruit combined with a refined mousse and appetizing finish.

### **Dom Perignon 2006**

**3950**

Épernay France

Hints of white pepper and gardenia. The hints of anise and dried ginger glide over fruit skins (pear and mango), creating an effect that is more tactile than fleshy.

## MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE MCC

*MCC is the Cape version in the authentic Champagne style where the important second fermentation takes place in the bottle and the wine is disgorged in the traditional way, yet unique in flavour and style. Other varieties apart from the traditional three permitted in Champagne can be used.*

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|  <b>Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2015</b>   | <b>78</b> | <b>310</b> |
| <i>Stellenbosch</i>  |           |            |
| A biscuit and lemon-zest profile and rich mousse confirms class and appeal. 58 % Pinot Noir, 39% Chardonnay, 3% Pinot Meunier.   |           |            |
| <b>Villiera Brut Natural 2013</b>  | <b>79</b> | <b>315</b> |
| <i>Stellenbosch</i>  |           |            |
| Made without the use of sulphur and naturally fermented. Apple, yeast with hints of biscuit that follows through to the dry palate.  |           |            |
| <b>Villiera 'Starlight' MCC NV</b>   |           | <b>275</b> |
| <i>Stellenbosch</i>  |           |            |
| Starlight Brut is a new innovation from Villiera, the first low alcohol Cap Classique at 9%.   |           |            |
|  <b>Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rosé 2015</b>   |           | <b>310</b> |
| <i>Stellenbosch</i>  |           |            |
| Rosy salmon pink colour, the palate shows fresh fruit intensity and a fresh clean finish.  |           |            |
| <b>Graham Beck Demi Sec NV</b>   |           | <b>325</b> |
| <i>Robertson</i>   |           |            |
| Light yeasty aromas, with hints of butterscotch, honey and praline, this delectable bubbly will stimulate your sweeter sense.  |           |            |
| <b>Saronsberg Brut MCC 2015</b>  |           | <b>330</b> |
| <i>Tulbagh</i>   |           |            |
| The wine has a translucent colour with a slight green edge and a prominent mousse. Delicate flavours of toasted biscuit, creamy lees and fresh apple end with a long, elegant, dry finish. |           |            |
| <b>Domaine De Dieux Rose of Sharon Brut Rosé 2009</b>  |           | <b>390</b> |
| <i>Hemel-en-Aarde</i>  |           |            |
| A berry-basket bouquet! Strawberry, black cherry, raspberry notes jump out of the glass with a hint of mint and rose water in the background.  |           |            |

**De Grendel Brut 2012** **390**

Durbanville

Fresh apple flavours and sweet tropical fruit backed by some biscuit richness.

 **Simonsig Cuvée Blanc De Blanc 2004 CWG** **425**

Stellenbosch

Golden yellow colour with a persistent fine mousse forming a necklace of bubbles around the rim. Toasty warm bread flavours with a touch of oak nuttiness.

**Charles Fox Brut 2012** **490**

Elgin

Pale gold in colour with a fine and delicate mousse. Subtle flavours of apple and pear on the nose integrate beautifully with hints of citrus blossom.

**Boschendal Grande Cuvée Brut 2012** **490**

Paarl

Stylish almond biscotti and plush citrus fruit with an endless flurry of tiny bubbles.

**Graham Beck Brut Blanc De Blancs 2010** **515**

Robertson

Produced from 100% Chardonnay this delicious and versatile bubbly combines rich creamy aromas with hints of fresh lime fruit on the nose. On the palate you can expect an exciting fine mousse with an explosion of tangerines.



## SPARKLING WINE

*Another popular method to create bubbles in wine other than the traditional second fermentation in the bottle is the Charmat process. Also called bulk process or cuv e close, using large pressurized tanks throughout production. These interconnecting tanks retain the pressure created during a second fermentation throughout the entire process.*

### **Kloovenburg White From Red NV** 60 240

Swartland

A bouquet of wild cherries and whiffs of candy floss. The crisp, dry finish is complimented by a delicate fruity palate with a well-balanced acidity.

### **Stenberg Sauvignon Blanc NV** 69 275

Constantia

The palate is fresh and fizzy with a fruit explosion. Sweet fruits linger on the aftertaste with a refreshing finish, perfect for a hot summer's day.

## ROS E

*Ros e, particularly in Europe, is produced from red grapes only. It is processed like white grapes ie. with minimal skin contact and hence the lighter resulting colour. The wines may vary from bone dry to semi sweet. All are best served well chilled, making a wonderfully refreshing summertime drink.*

### **Gabri lskloof Rosebud 2017** 41 165

Botrivier

Beautifully balanced and layered. Rosebud is the quintessential easy drinking lunchtime wine. Hints of rose perfume evolving into subtle notes of strawberry and caramel.

### **Jordan Chameleon Ros e 2016** 43 170

Stellenbosch

Summer-berry flavours of Shiraz combined with plummy Merlot add complexity to this dry fruity ros e. A versatile partner to seafood and Asian dishes.

**Thelema Sutherland Grenache Rosé 2017** 43 170  
Stellenbosch

Dry and deliciously refreshing. Packed with berries and red fruit aromas that follow through onto the palate. Crisp with a long finish. The perfect wine to sip while watching the sun set.

**Creation Rosé 2017** 180  
Hemel-en-Aarde

The palate is lively and refreshing with mouth-filling raspberry flavours and a hint of pomegranate leading to a tangy, savoury aftertaste.

## WHITE BLENDS

**Villiera Down To Earth Sauvignon Blanc/  
Semillon 2017** 38 150  
Stellenbosch

Lively and fresh with hints of passion fruit and gooseberries. An array of herbaceous, grassy character giving complexity on the palate.

**Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc 2017** 41 165  
Constantia

(85%) Sauvignon Blanc and (15%) Chenin Blanc blend – pleasant harmonious complexity with grassy nose and fruity hints of fig.

**Beyerskloof Chenin Blanc/Pinotage 2017** 46 185  
Stellenbosch

Perfume notes, peaches and cream with a fine mineral character. Full palate rich with limes, orange blossom, peaches and apricot flavours, mineral finish.

**Rickety Bridge Foundation Stone 2015** 58 230  
Franschhoek

Subtle hints of oak spice and a refined fruit expression. A rich and well-structured wine that finishes with elegance and freshness on the palate.

**Avondale Cyclus 2013** 495  
Stellenbosch

Cyclus is made from Viognier, Chardonnay, Roussanne, Chenin Blanc and Semillon grapes. Intense flavours of pear, pineapple, apricot and fig are rounded off with smooth, subtle oak for a creamy, long-structured finish.

**Waterkloof Circle Of Life White Blend 2013** 320  
Stellenbosch

Lime, grapefruit, peach notes, complimented by tropical aromas. On the palate, intense flavours, tight mineral core, creamy mid-palate with great complexity and persistent finish.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

*The Sauvignon Blanc's grape is associated with the French regions of the upper Loire Valley in the central parts of France and the south west in Graves, Bordeaux. This noble variety constitutes 8% of vines in South Africa and is growing. Wines made from this grape are mostly very dry, crisp, and reminiscent of green grass, bell peppers and gooseberries. Sauvignon Blanc is without doubt, currently the world's most popular grape variety. This is way we have more entries in this section than in any other and offer a wide variety by the glass. Feel free to explore!*

	<b>Waterford Sauvignon Blanc 2015 500ml</b> Stellenbosch Ripe tropical nose, chalk and lime undertones to balance.	<b>140</b>
	<b>Waterford Pecan Stream Sauvignon Blanc 2017</b> Stellenbosch Enticing Sauvignon with cool climate flavours of fig and asparagus with a zesty finish.	<b>43 170</b>
	<b>Villiera Sauvignon Blanc 2017</b> Stellenbosch Nettles and cut grass aromas with pear/apple freshness and zest on the palate.	<b>49 195</b>
	<b>Thelema Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc 2016</b> Stellenbosch Fragrant nose of honeysuckle and a gorgeous minerality on the palate, ending with dry fruity melon finish.	<b>51 205</b>
	<b>Paul Wallace 'Little Flirt' Sauvignon Blanc 2016</b> Elgin Bright and appealing with a bouquet of tropical fruit on the nose. A ripe fruit salad backed by an underlying mineral core and a hint of fennel.	<b>53 210</b>
	<b>La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2017</b> Franschhoek Crispy green apples with nettles and cut grass, followed by gooseberry and green pepper fragrance.	<b>53 210</b>
	<b>First Sighting Sauvignon Blanc 2016</b> Cape Agulhas Expressive tropical and citrus fruit on the nose. Full yet fresh on the palate with typical notes of buchu and minerality.	<b>54 215</b>

-  **Warwick The First Lady Sauvignon Blanc 2017** 55 220  
 Stellenbosch  
 Light pale colour. Aromas of fig, pear, nettle, flint and melon. The palate is bone-dry with bright granadilla, lime and citrus notes.
- Waterkloof Circumstance Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 68 270  
 Stellenbosch  
 Fresh nose with hints of green apple, grape-fruit and gooseberry. Good follow through on the palate filled with fresh gooseberry acids, a melody of white fruits and long elegant finish.
- De Grendel 'Koetshuis' Sauvignon Blanc 2017** 73 320  
 Durbanville  
 Flavours of white fruit, canned peas and gooseberry. Impressive with outstanding rich layered fruit and a full mouth-feel.
-  **Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 78 310  
 Constantia  
 Fine herbal notes complement intense aromas of green fig and nectarine. The palate is richly textured, powerful and complex, with a fine, long and flavourful finish.
- Almenkerk Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 83 330  
 Elgin  
 Single vineyard wine expressing a complexity of fruit and a minerality core. It offsets delicate green aromas true to the varietal character and has a mid-palate of tropical tones. Extended lees contact adds to palate weight and texture.
-  **Simonsig Sunbird Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 220  
 Stellenbosch  
 Gooseberry, nettles and bell pepper flavours with refreshing acidity to finish.
- Buitenverwachting Sauvignon Blanc 2017** 250  
 Constantia  
 A gentle play of flavours with the customary green pepper edge. Pleasantly fruity noticeable sweetness on finish.
- Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc 2017** 260  
 Constantia  
 Typical grassiness and gooseberry overtones with a gentle underlying scent of tropical fruit. Long mineral finish.
-  **Waterford Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 265  
 Stellenbosch  
 Quince and gooseberry aroma. Steely minerality with bright lime citrus core.
- Iona Sauvignon Blanc 2016** 320  
 Elgin John Platter 4 ½ Stars  
 The palate is very well defined with subtle apricot and white peach notes behind the ripe gooseberry fruit. With attractive harmony towards the finish.

## CHENIN BLANC

*This versatile grape was for many years called “Steen” and many believed it was unique to the Cape. In 1965 it was established that it is the same as the French Chenin Blanc of the Loire. Today Chenin Blanc plantings are in decline. However, there has been a revival within the South African wine industry with the formation of the Chenin Blanc producers association. South Africa has by far the most planted vineyards of Chenin Blanc than anywhere else in the world. Chenin Blanc’s adaptability allows it to produce wines ranging in style from dry to very sweet as well as fortified wines, Brandies and Sparkling wines.*

### Unwooded

	<b>Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2017</b> Stellenbosch	<b>39</b>	<b>155</b>
	Crisp, fresh wine with lots of tropical fruit on the nose and palate.		
	<b>Saxenburg Guinea Fowl Chenin Blanc 2016</b> Stellenbosch	<b>46</b>	<b>185</b>
	Stone fruit aromas with hints of pineapple and apple flavours on the nose. Vibrant fruit follow and lengthy mid-palate weight giving a lingering fruit finish.		
	<b>Ernie Els ‘Big Easy White’ Chenin Blanc 2017</b> Stellenbosch	<b>49</b>	<b>195</b>
	A mélange of strawberry and pineapple flavours are all wound up by a limey-streak on the nose.		
	<b>Beaumont Chenin Blanc 2017</b> Botrivier	<b>53</b>	<b>210</b>
	Lovely fresh tropical fruit aromas flow onto a crisp, fresh palate with a perfect balance between the acidity and sweetness, giving the wine extra length. Enjoyed by – MD		

## Wooded

**Mulderbosch Steen Op Hout Chenin Blanc 2016** 44 175

Stellenbosch

Subtle mineral aromas herald a finely balanced, delicately floral Chenin Blanc.

**Mullineux Kloof Street Chenin Blanc 2016** 53 210

Swartland

Pale straw colour, sun ripened pears and wet granite aromas. Vibrant palate, balanced acidity, soft round texture and elegant pithy character.

**Strydom Daniele Chenin Blanc 2016** 78 310

Stellenbosch

Fresh vibrant flavours of yellow apple, bits of citrus, nutty oats and honey. Elegant mineral palate backed with balanced acidity.

**Ken Forrester Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2016** 250

Stellenbosch John Platter 5 star

Golden hued and full-bodied, with melon and spicy baked apple aromas. Layered, with mineral notes enhanced by honeycomb and caramel flavours.

**Oldenburg Chenin Blanc 2015** 290

Stellenbosch

Elegantly crafted showcasing ripe stone fruit, fresh citrus zest and a lingering mineral tang on the palate.

**Kaapzicht Kliprug Chenin Blanc 2015** 310

Stellenbosch

Wonderful sun-ripe yellow fruit with crunchy apple, fresh pineapple and a touch of oak. Medium-bodied palate, fresh and a fleshy texture on the mid-palate leaving a dry lingering finish.

**Delaire Chenin Blanc 2014** 320

Stellenbosch

Delicious expressions of citrus fruit with subtle layers of honey and almonds in the background. Balanced and superbly structured. Enjoyed by – ND

**Avondale Anima Chenin Blanc 2014** 450

Paarl

On the nose this wine shows winter melon, pineapple, lime and hint of honey from the soft oak. Dense palate, fresh fruit flavours of gooseberry, quince and peach. Supple lengthy finish.

## RIESLING

*The name, a source of confusion to consumers and of distress to the producers, is known in its great homeland, Germany, simply as Riesling. Here officially as Rhine or Weisser Riesling. In SA, Riesling is used alone on the label standing, and officially refers to Cape Riesling (Crouchen Blanc) and is mostly used in blends or otherwise frequently in off-dry styles. This noble variety is praised by wine writers, but the public still seem by and large unconvinced, though this is changing particularly in the USA. Go and try for yourself and you be the judge.*

**Hartenberg Weisser Riesling 2014** **55** **220**

Stellenbosch

The spicy richness on the nose gives way to a taut yet floral and fruity mid-palate that has both richness and complexity. This is a quality wine that offers great value and much versatility.

**Paul Cluver 'Close Encounter' Riesling 2016** **61** **245**

Elgin

Made in a more luscious style with an alcohol under 9%. Juicy pineapple and lime aromas are complemented with hints of jasmine and honeysuckle.

**Jordan The Real McCoy Riesling 2015** **235**

Stellenbosch

Intense lemon-lime flavours. A crisp fruitiness makes it a superb partner with food. Hints of spiciness add to its intrigue.

## OTHER FINE WHITE CULTIVARS

**Neethlingshof Gewürztraminer 2016** 43 170

Stellenbosch

Off-dry with a spicy character, traces of Turkish delight, an abundance of litchi and a zesty finish.

**Foundry Grenache Blanc 2014** 330

Paardeberg

One of a small range of wines from what is a boutique, side project for Meerlust winemaker Chris Williams. It's textured, weighty and mineral, decorated with gentle melon, apple and citrus fruit.

**Beau Constantia Cecily Viognier 2015** 360

Constantia

The wine has a striking perfumed nose of coriander spice, violets and apricots, a classic example of this rare white wine variety. The palate is full and rich and packed with flavours of white peach and orange blossom.  
Enjoyed by – MD

**Steenberg Semillon 2015** 420

Constantia

Ripe tropical fruit on the nose. Peach and apricots with hints of crème brûlée and lemon meringue on the palate, followed by quinces and tangerine on the aftertaste.

## CHARDONNAY

*The Chardonnay grape variety is a classic noble white wine grape grown all around the world. Chardonnay's original fame is built from the great wines of Burgundy and Champagne regions in France where it has been grown for over 400 years. In Chablis, the most northern part of Burgundy much Chardonnay remains un-oaked, elsewhere it is more often barrel-fermented and may undergo the softening effect of malolactic fermentation.*

Unwooded

**The Winery Of Good Hope Chardonnay 2017** **53** **210**

Wellington

Elegantly crafted showcasing ripe stone fruit, fresh citrus zest and a lingering mineral tang on the palate.

**Glen Carlou Chardonnay 2017** **58** **230**

Paarl

Exhibits subtle green melon and lemon lime characters on the nose. The palate consists of subtle peach and honey with a tang of green apples.

**De Wetshof Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2017** **68** **270**

Robertson

Almond mingled with citrus and tropical fruits. Medium-bodied and a refreshing finish.

 **Warwick First Lady Chardonnay 2016** **220**

Stellenbosch

Intense nose of pineapple, pear, citrus and floral notes. The mid-palate is broad and appealing supported by a refreshing acidity.

## Wooded

- Dombeya Chardonnay 2015** **63 250**  
Stellenbosch  
Complex nose with fresh flavours of lime, peaches and hints of smokiness. Soft but firm entry followed by velvety butter flavour.
- Migliarina Chardonnay 2015** **64 255**  
Elgin  
The nose has a touch of vanilla with lime and pistachio, whilst on the palate the wine has a hint of oak and fresh acidity with a long lingering finish. Enjoyed by - ND
- Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2016** **68 270**  
Elgin  
Pure citrus fruit, creamy oak and a touch of savouriness on the palate with a lovely fresh finish. Shows surprising complexity and ageing potential.
- Steenberg Sphynx Chardonnay 2017** **71 285**  
Constantia  
On the nose notes of lime, peach, apricot, pear drop and butterscotch jump out of the glass. The palate is soft and smooth with hints of vanilla, stone fruits and citrus.
-  **Meerlust Chardonnay 2016** **103 410**  
Stellenbosch  
A bouquet of lemongrass, limes and lemon with expressive minerality. Balanced by pure mineral notes.
- Newton Johnson Southend Chardonnay 2015** **320**  
Hemel-en-Aarde  
Newton Johnson farm in the valley, is on a notably cooler slope with slower ripening. They produce wines with compact structure, cool fruit flavours and vibrant, lengthy acidity.
- Paul Cluver Chardonnay 2014** **340**  
Elgin  
This noble variety is bursting with aromas of citrus, marmalade and a lovely toastiness. The flavours are complex and show a well-integrated combination of fruit.
- Uva Mira The Mira Chardonnay 2015** **380**  
Stellenbosch  
Compelling nose with enticing aromas of white peach, orange zest hints of marzipan. Enticing minerality, with a lovely floral fragrance and subtle spice. Fruit purity on the palate with lime acidity, elegant creaminess and chalky texture. Complex and balanced lingering finish.
-  **Waterford Chardonnay 2014** **390**  
Stellenbosch  
Vibrant green with yellow undertone - ripe tropical stone fruit with citrus blossom and vanilla pod on aroma. Palate is tightly structure with refreshing acid to add longevity. Enjoyed by - MD

## RED SELECTION

### RED BLENDS

*Johan Malan acclaimed and award winning Cape Wine maker from Simonsig Vineyards, claims that within a decade, “blending” will dominate the red wine scene. Think of Meerlust Rubicon, Simonsig Frans Malan, Vergelegen V, Kanonkop Paul Sauer and Rust en Vrede Estate and it is evident that blending provides a platform to create a masterpiece!*

*Since Meerlust’s entry in 1980, “BORDEAUX BLENDS” of exceptional quality have been released. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot Petit Verdot and Malbec are five varieties that may be used in the blend, usually with Cabernet or Merlot making the highest proportion of the blend. The 1979 Welgemeend was the first Bordeaux blend, not Rubicon!*

*While the Pinotage producers and association have suggested that a “CAPE BLEND” should contain a minimum percentage of this home bred grape, others think in another direction: “MULTI-BLENDS”. We think of Waterford’s pioneering Super-Tuscan, ‘The Gem’, incorporating Cabernet Shiraz Mouvedre, and a couple of Italian varieties. “RHONE BLENDS” from Fairview: SMV (Shiraz, Mourvèdre, Viognier; the thick skinned, tannin filled white grape of the Rhône) are showing their natural affinity to the relatively warmer climate of South Africa. Shiraz usually dominates in the blend but other Rhône varieties such as Grenache and Mouvedre are producing excellent results as single variety bottling.*

 <b>KC Klein Constantia Cabernet Merlot 2014</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>180</b>
Constantia		
Mixed berry blend with black fruit aromas – well structured wine with lengthy chunky tannins.		
 <b>Waterford Pebble Hill Red Blend 2014</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>180</b>
Western Cape		
A unique blend of Italian and Spanish varieties. Fruit aromatics of cherries and plums accompanied by leather, spice and cloves. The palate is filled with dark red fruit, classic tannin structure, finishing with balanced natural acidity.		
<b>Kaapzicht Estate Red 2014</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>210</b>
Stellenbosch		
Inky, deep purple coloured blend offers youthful, incensed aromas of sweet perfume, wild dark berries, sweet spice and musk. Blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.		
<b>Hartenberg Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2015</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>210</b>
Stellenbosch		
Peppery and spicy with rich berry aromas and elegant fruit flavours, has a soft smooth and silky finish with good structure, roundness, balance and length.		
<b>Creation Whale Pod Red Blend 2015</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>215</b>
Walker Bay		
Deep Crimson in colour with glorious flashes of purple. A delightful medley of dark berries and peppery spices to tempt the nose.		
<b>Gabriëlskloof Red Blend 2015</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>220</b>
Overberg		
A youthful mulberry aroma and a hint of mint on the nose, followed by layers of caramel with dark chocolate, cinnamon and nuts. The palate has nuances of tobacco and smokiness.		
<b>La Motte Millenium 2015</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>235</b>
Franschhoek		
The wine is intense on the nose, with cherry and mulberry fruit together with cinnamon spice. Wood maturation has enhanced a toffee and caramel presence. Very smooth and juicy on the palate.		
<b>Almenkerk Lace Red Vineyard Selection 2013</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>275</b>
Elgin		
A blend of Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Viognier. Elegant, full bodied, fruit driven wine with a lingering finish.		
<b>Hermanuspietersfontein Kleinboet 2014</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>360</b>
Hemel-en-Aarde		
Strong characteristics of blackcurrant, black olive, lavender and cashew come through. Medium-bodied with well-rounded tannins and harmonious balance, it awards a lovely dry finish. Enjoyed by – MD		

<b>Diemersdal Private Collection 2015</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>380</b>
<i>Durbanville</i>		
Deep, dark chocolate, cigar box and enticing cedar aromas followed by notes of blackberry, cherry and cassis. Enjoyed by – ND		
<b>Bosman Family Vineyards Adama Red 2013</b>		<b>330</b>
<i>Stellenbosch</i>		
Exotic, juicy flavours of black plums and red berries. Notes of vanilla and spice carrying through to an exciting palate with elegant/ subtle tannins.		
<b>Domaine Grier Oydessa 2010</b>		<b>300</b>
<i>Languedoc France</i>		
The wine clearly expresses the minerality and spice expected from the vineyard and it is supported by fruit and a hint of aniseed.		
<b>Stoney Brook SMV 2014</b>		<b>310</b>
<i>Franschhoek</i>		
On the palate, the wine shows smooth, rich tannins which sing in perfect harmony with the acidity. The mid-palate is robust and fleshy, while the flinty, savoury finish begs another sip.		
<b>Domaine Des Dieux Syrah/Mouvedre 2013</b>		<b>370</b>
<i>Hemel-en-Aarde</i>		
Attractively poised, fresh blackberry, wood smoke and moderate oak. Syrah brings white pepper, liquorice, and black cherries. Mourvèdre contributes soft wild berry fruit and spice, softening out the blend. Moderate use of new oak supports fine tannins on the palate.		
 <b>Warwick Three Cape Ladies 2013</b>		<b>390</b>
<i>Stellenbosch</i>		
Ripe red and black berry flavours as well as mocha and a subtle spiciness.		
<b>Radford Dale Black Rock No.12 2014</b>		<b>420</b>
<i>Paardeberg</i>		
Syrah/Cinsault/Carignan/Grenache/Mourvedre – A vinous and wonderfully charged mouthfeel combines with an array of lavender, spices, strawberries and even blueberries.		
<b>Ernie Els Proprietors Blend 2014</b>		<b>520</b>
<i>Stellenbosch</i>		
Cabernet Sauvignon 55%, Shiraz 25%, Merlot 5%, Cabernet Franc 5%, Malbec 5%, Petit Verdot 5%.		

## OTHER RED VARIETALS

**Tera Del Capo Sangiovese 2014** 55 220

Franschhoek

The aroma and flavour are reminiscent of strawberry jam, prunes, dried cherry and raspberry with an earthy meatiness on the palate. Enjoyed by – ND

**Paul Wallace Black Dog Malbec 2013** 73 290

Elgin

A full rich entry, a couli of dark fruits and spice, firm yet silky tannins, an upfront hint of almonds and hazelnuts with violets on the back palate.

**Kaapzicht, Skuinsberg Cinsaut 2015** 78 310

Stellenbosch

Rich and bright, old-vine character with sweet-berry fruit, olive notes and fynbos edge well-rounded tannins and express ageing potential 5 to 10 years.

**Migliarina Grenache Noir 2015** 320

Wellington

Light ruby colour, expressing a perfume filled with sweet raspberry, spice and black cherry. Soft firm tannins with a velvety mid-palate and lingering forest berry finish.

**Beaumont Mourvedre 2012** 420

Botrivier

A combination of rich red berries and dense inky black berry fruit, with under tones of liquorice and leather. Delicate spices including thyme, clove, cinnamon and black pepper. Enjoyed by – MD

**Oldenburg Cabernet Franc 2013** 440

Stellenbosch

The wine has a wonderfully radiant, ruby colour, with a combination of lemon thyme and wild herb scents sprinkled with spice on the nose.

**Steenberg Nebbiolo 2014** 495

Constantia

This medium-bodied Nebbiolo is light in colour with dried prunes, sour cherries, spice and forest floor on the nose. Soft oaky notes support the wine well. Big tannins, unique to Nebbiolo, gives the wine backbone and structure.

# LIBRARY COLLECTION

*This is a collection of wines that have been sourced from our Five Wine Partners and estates we have developed great relationships with. We have sourced this to offer you an exclusive look at some flights of vintages that have been ear-marked as the best grouping in their specific category.*

-  **Meerlust Rubicon 2008** **985**  
Stellenbosch **Wine Enthusiast 91 points**  
Very deep, youthful colour with intense almost purple hue. Classic Rubicon nose filled with violets, ripe plum, cedar wood and intense spiciness. Full-bodied palate, linear tannins packed with fresh dark fruit and well-rounded. Accessible and still intense, with an ageing potential of 5 -8 years.
-  **Meerlust Rubicon 2010** **850**  
Stellenbosch **John Platter 5 Stars**  
The nose emerges with deep, dark fruit, cassis, plump and black cherries. Pronounced minerality with granite, cedar smoke and cigar box bouquet.
-  **Meerlust Rubicon 2012** **795**  
Stellenbosch **Neil Martin 92 points**  
Intense and youthful almost hue, and intense almost purple hue. The nose is filled with violets, ripe plum, cedar wood and intense spiciness of liquorice and stony minerality. Full-bodied structured palate with sleek, ripe tannins classis Bordeaux restraint of vibrant dark fruit typical of this vintage. Lengthy finish on the palate full of creamy fruit and linear tannins.

-  **Simonsig Redhill Pinotage 2005** **900**  
 Stellenbosch **2007 Veritas Double Gold**  
 Full-bodied wood matured Pinotage from a specific vineyard site.
-  **Simonsig Frans Malan 2009** **580**  
 Stellenbosch  
 An aromatic nose shows rich layers of plum and mulberry with hints of cigar box and subtle fynbos. 71% Pinotage, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot.
-  **Simonsig Frans Malan 2010** **540**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Deep Persian Carpet Red with rich layers of plum, blackcurrant and fynbos supported by a thread of cinnamon spice. The palate expresses delicious chocolate and mocha flavours with soft and supple tannins. A unique collaboration of these three varietals that represents a well-made Cape Style blend. 75% Pinotage, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot.
-  **Simonsig Frans Malan 2011** **525**  
 Stellenbosch  
 The nose showcases layers of perfume, plums and cranberries. The palate expresses decadent flavours of moist fruit cake with subtle nuances of cinnamon spice and fynbos and finishes off with soft and subtle tannins. 64% Pinotage, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot.
-  **Waterford The Jem 2004** **1635**  
 Stellenbosch **Wine Spectator 91 points**  
 The maiden vintage of this 'Super-Tuscan' styled wine predominately Cabernet based. Strong lead pencil and cassis notes backed by cedar and spice aromas.
-  **Waterford The Jem 2005** **1585**  
 Stellenbosch **Wine Spectator 93 points**
-  **Waterford The Jem 2006** **1495**  
 Stellenbosch
-  **Waterford The Jem 2007** **1495**  
 Stellenbosch

-  **Warwick Trilogy 2008** **995**  
 Stellenbosch  
 A clean nose showing pronounced intensity of ripe black fruit, herbaceous notes and cedar. A follow through of ripe black fruit, tobacco and oak on the palate. Although accessible now this wine will improve developing more tertiary aromas over the next 5–8 years.
-  **Warwick Trilogy 2011** **950**  
 Stellenbosch  
 The wine displays an intense ruby red colour in the glass. The bouquet is reminiscent of vanilla, cassis, thyme, liquorice and mulberries. The palate is full with ripe prunes black berries, raspberries and silk tannins.
-  **Warwick Trilogy 2012** **915**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Dark plum coloured wine with aromas of ripe black cherry fruit and wafts of mocha. The palate is silky and stylish.
- Anthonij Rupert L'Ormarins Merlot 2003** **895**  
 Franschhoek  
 This flagship wine of L'Ormarins shows a unique concentration of berry fruit flavours, violets and mocha. Soft and round with velvety tannins.
- Anthonij Rupert L'Ormarins Optima 2005** **650**  
 Franschhoek  
 Elegant and refined with silky ripe tannins, an integrated oak backbone and yet velvety smooth mouthfeel. Beautifully balanced.
- Anthonij Rupert L'Ormarins Optima 2006** **610**  
 Franschhoek  
 A rich combination of dark berry fruit and cherry tobacco nose with a hint of spice. It has an elegant full mouth-feel, powered by rich fruit and classic Bordeaux characteristics. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc.
- Anthonij Rupert L'Ormarins Optima 2012** **450**  
 Franschhoek  
 Alluring spicy aromatic, dark berry and plum fruit, blackcurrant leaf and hint of cracked black pepper and violets on the nose. An array of texture follows, soft velvety entry, velvety gentle spice, cassis, black fruit and cedar flavour. Refined and elegant throughout. Rich, plush and nuanced with a lingering aftertaste.

-  **Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 1997** **3200**  
 Constantia  
 Bright saffron, luscious honey and tropical notes layered with spice and cut by refreshing sweet citrus twist. Complex and beautifully balanced. All vintages made with 100% Muscat d' Frontignan.
-  **Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 2002** **2900**  
 Constantia  
 Burnished copper in colour. An abundant aromas of dried mangos, apricots and honey. Full-bodied palate, intensely flavoured, with a thick, viscous consistency pared by pithy astringency and a fresh, mouth-watering finish.
-  **Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 2005** **2500**  
 Constantia  
 Clear gold in colour and light green tinges on the rim indicating freshness. Richly aromatic and complex aromas of candied orange peel, sundried peach mingle and hints of sandalwood. A lingering savoury finish of fine acidity, white peach, pears and mango.
-  **Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 2007** **2100**  
 Constantia  
 Glossy copper in colour with alluring, exotic aromas of Turkish delight, fragrant honeysuckle, citrus peel and clove spiciness. A sweet, deeply complex palate filled with concentrated tropical and Seville orange marmalade flavours lifted by fine acid giving a satisfyingly long, delicious and lipsmackingly vibrant finish.

## PINOT NOIR

*Pinot Noir is one of the most difficult grapes to grow and make into a fine wine. Susceptible to rot and diseases while other varieties carry on growing in the same vineyard. This is in part attributed to the very thin skin of the grape, which therefore makes for paler coloured red wines. Pinot Noir is associated with the fine wines of Burgundy and is also one of the classic grapes in the production of the finest quality Champagne. Strong cherry and strawberry aromas and flavours are often the most notable characteristics in these wines.*

**Klein Constantia “KC” Pinot Noir 2015** **64** **255**

Elgin

Ruby red in appearance, you will find intense aromas of cranberries, rosemary and plums. These flavours follow through onto the palate accompanied by red currants and cinnamon.

**Iona Mr P Pinot Noir 2016** **69** **275**

Elgin

Elegant, fresh cherry and red berry nose, with undergrowth melange. Pure palate, lovely texture and sweet cherry fruit dominate with spicy undertones. Fresh and intense lingering mouthfeel.

 **Meerlust Pinot Noir 2016** **103** **410**

Stellenbosch

Intense yet translucent ruby-purple in colour. The nose has lifted scents of summer fruit, red cherry, strawberry, musky perfume and a distinct minerality.

**Blackwater Cuvée Terra Lux Pinot Noir 2013** **360**

Cape South Coast

The wine has beguiling aromas of truffle, mushroom and bitter cherries, tight structure but not overworked or extracted.

**De Grendel Pinot Noir 2014** **380**

Durbanville

The nose is filled with luscious red cherry, blackberry and pine needle notes that carry through on the palate with a long velvety finish, balanced with well-structured freshness.

- Crystallum Peter Max Pinot Noir 2016** **470**  
Walker Bay  
Elegant and refined with Indian spice, cinnamon and cassis on the nose. The palate is lengthy with a strong fresh berry core.
- Shannon Rockview Ridge Pinot Noir 2012** **515**  
Elgin  
Ripe berry/cherry juiciness with grippy smoky oak breadth and spices. Firm, tight texture.
- Sumaridge Pinot Noir 2011** **495**  
Hemel-en-Aarde  
Ripe cherry combines with cedar wood smoke and the characteristic savoury complexity finishing with silky length.
- Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir 2016** **725**  
Hemel-en-Aarde  
Wine has a vineyard specific tightness of frame and restraint. Alluring primal character along with complex dark spicy fruit perfume.
- Paul Cluver Seven Flags 2006** **795**  
Elgin  
Whiffs of soft dark cherries and hints of spice. The palate is focused, well-structured not only by tannin but also by balanced acidity resulting in a truly complex wine.
- Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Tete De Cuvée 1997 1.5L** **2795**  
Hemel-en-Aarde  
Great scarlet colour with fresh berry fruit reflections. Flavours are lingering, harmonious and layered with raspberry, cassis and gentle tannins. The finish is thrillingly protracted.

## SHIRAZ/SYRAH

*Shiraz is better known as Syrah in its Southern French homeland. It produces full rich wines of intense colour and flavour. The extra fruit and fullness in this grape variety make it ideal for a heavier meal. Shiraz as it is known in Australia is the benchmark style for this particular nomenclature - Opaque and black in colour, rich ripe fruit spice and usually with high alcohol. Syrah on the label in winemaking regions outside of France usually indicate a respect to the French style which is generally more restrained in style with less new oak used and a fresher acidity.*

**Leeuwenkuil Shiraz 2016** **46** **185**

Swartland

Opulent, bright fruit. A beautifully elegant palate with round tannins, layered with clove spice, ripe cherries and violet.

**Hartenburg 'Doorkeeper' Shiraz 2015** **48** **190**

Langkloof

The nose is full-bodied with blackcurrant, ripe cherry, spices, chocolate and subtle cigar box undertone. The tannins are ripe and soft and clean. Enjoyed by - MD

**Dombeya Shiraz 2014** **65** **260**

Stellenbosch

Lively purple red colour with lifted flavour of violets, rose water, and white pepper. The palate is soft and structured and reminds of a classic Rhône style Shiraz.

 **Waterford Kevin Arnold Shiraz 2013** **105** **420**

Stellenbosch

A complex wine loaded with dark fruit, spice and hints of mocha. A touch of Mouvrede adds flavour, which in turn adds to the seriousness of this wine.

**Delaire Shiraz 2016** **250**

Stellenbosch

This juicy, ripe and approachable Shiraz with its ruby-purple colour, has aromas of white pepper on dark red fruits, laced with lavender.

**Rickety Bridge Shiraz 2014** 330

Franschhoek

Elegance and structure on the palate with supple velvety tannins. Complex nose of juicy mulberry and bramble fruit that linger.

**Jordan Prosepector Syrah 2014** 340

Stellenbosch

Rich minerals lend particular characteristics to this Syrah with its rich, dense, dark chocolate, black fruit and fynbos flavours interlaced with white pepper.

**Oldenburg Syrah 2012** 420

Stellenbosch

Bright, ruby-red colour with an earthy nose. An old-world style, typical Cote du Rhône character with elegant minerality and delicate pepper showing on the palate. Well-integrated oak and rich caramel tones.

**Strandveldt Syrah 2013** 420

Elim

Aromas of white pepper, fynbos and spice on the nose. Rich palate filled with black berry flavours, savoury notes, and firm tannins and backed by well-integrated oak.

**Strydom Rock Star Syrah 2015** 460

Stellenbosch

Elegant vibrant and harmoniously layers of blackberry, white pepper and exotic spice flavours. Soft palate texture beautifully balanced.

 **Simonsig Merindol Shiraz 2001** 495

Stellenbosch

The nose has flavour of dark fruit, a masculine perfume with white pepper and cinnamon twist. A lively fresh acidity with firm tannins that capture the aromas of black fruit and hints of liquorice.



## MERLOT

*Merlot is known to be a classic blending partner for Cabernet. Merlot has become very fashionable around the world as it is seen as an easier version of Cabernet. Excellent varietals wines that are made from Merlot, tend to be soft and full-bodied.*

**Villiera Merlot 2015** **48 190**

Stellenbosch

Easy going wine with hints of cedar wood and vanilla with attractive dark berry fruit on the palate, the wine is rich and full with soft tannins and good acidity.

**De Bos 'Handpicked' Merlot 2014** **58 230**

Wellington

Rich juicy aromas of cherry and plum with spicy cinnamon notes interlaced on a mouth-watering dark chocolate finish.

**Dombeya Merlot 2014** **58 230**

Stellenbosch

This wine's impressions on the palate and nose is layered flavours of black cherries, plums, Christmas pudding and savory notes ending with glazed red cherry sweetness and a touch of dark chocolate.

**Diemersdal Merlot 2016** **65 260**

Durbanville

The nose seduces with beautiful blackberry and dried fruit aromas along with spicy undertones. Well-structured elegance and mouth filling fruit flavours. Hints of cedar wood, mint and spice flavours.

**Muratie 'Alberta Annemarie' Merlot 2014** **79 315**

Stellenbosch

Intense ruby-coloured wine with pronounced aromas of dark chocolate, black cherries, toasted hazelnuts and an unusual herbal edge. Enjoyed by - MD

**De Grendel Merlot 2015** **320**

Durbanville

A medium-bodied wine filled with a combination of different berries and subtle tannins on the nose. Quite a delight for any red wine drinker.

**Jordan Merlot 2013** **330**

Stellenbosch

Opulent plum, rich blackberry and mocha flavours. Framed by generously rounded tannins and spiciness from maturation in French oak.

**Creation Merlot 2015** **395**

Walker Bay

A bounty of fruity, spicy aromas to invite you in. On the palate, rewarding dark chocolate and mocha combine with generous ripe berry flavours.

**Uva Mira The Mira Merlot 2014** **415**

Stellenbosch

Vibrant layered nose, exudes luscious aromas of wild jasmine, raspberry, plum and shavings of dark chocolate. Savoury palate, silky tannins earthy notes and balanced fruit full of red berries, cedar and delicate herbal notes.

**Almenkerk Merlot 2013** **480**

Elgin

An array of blackcurrant and dark cherry fruit purity supported by a fine, graphite tannin structure showing great depth and length.



**Meerlust Merlot 2015** **510**

Stellenbosch **Wine Enthusiast 88 points**

Aromas of juicy plum and mulberry fruit, lifted spiciness and hints of dark chocolate. The palate offers generous, ripe, pure Merlot fruit with refreshing acidity, structured yet silky tannins and pronounced length and minerality.

**Shannon Mount Bullet Merlot 2011** **580**

Elgin

The wine has a fragrance of ripe red fruits such as plums and dark cherries, with earthy complexity and yet still expressing minerality.

## PINOTAGE

*Pinotage is uniquely South African and was developed in 1924 by Prof Perold who crossed Pinot Noir and Cinsaut vines. It is the “national” wine grape of South Africa. It is a substantial, flavoursome robust wine; showing boiled sweet, peppery flavours while young, and maturing and develops into a soft and fruity wine. Try these wines with our “typically South African” dishes for an all South African experience.*

**Kleine Zalze Pinotage 2016** 46 185

Stellenbosch

Soft easy frame, gentle tannins with plenty of ripe red fruits and smooth aftertaste.

 **Simonsig Pinotage 2015** 59 235

Stellenbosch

Unwooded. Deep dark plum and bramble fruit on nose and palate. Silky polished tannins support a succulent and ripe fruit finish.

**L'Avenir Provenance Pinotage 2015** 73 290

Stellenbosch

Dark berries on the nose filled with layers of floral notes, vanilla and tempting toffee. A beautiful balance of flavours and velvety texture on the palate finishing off with a lasting impression of depth and elegance.

**Kaapzicht Pinotage 2015** 78 310

Stellenbosch

Intense plum colour with saturated, opaque centre; ripe layers of mulberry, plums, black cherry and dark chocolate/mocha tones.

**Beaumont Pinotage 2014** 81 325

Botrivier

A perfect example of elegance and finesse in Pinotage. Red berries, plums and cherries on the nose, followed by a palate of excellent balance, structure and appealing sweet berry ripeness.

**Saxenburg Private Collection Pinotage 2015** 85 340

Stellenbosch

Generous mixture of red cherry, plum and prune fruit aromas and earthy notes. Good flavour follow through, soft tannin structure, and a rich finish on the palate.

 **Simonsig Pinotage Pick Of The Bunch 2009** 565

Stellenbosch **CWG Auction**

Big, hugely structured and only showing more openness. A real keeper.

**Kanonkop Pinotage 2002** 590

Stellenbosch

Dark deep plum colour, sweet nose of layered fruit, follow through on the palate with depth of ripe fruit and velvet tannins intertwined and a good balance of acidity.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Cabernet Sauvignon is the King of red wines, the noblest red grape in the world. It can stand-alone triumphantly, but is frequently blended with a wide range of other varieties, traditionally, as in Bordeaux, with Cabernet Franc and Merlot.*

*In South Africa 13% of vineyard area is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon.*

### **Guardian Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2016** 49 195

Stellenbosch

Rereshing restrained cassis, cocoa and hints of fynbos. Satin smooth yet structured. The palate is layered, textured and beautifully intergrated.

### **Klein Steenberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2014** 53 210

Constantia

The palate is smooth with good structure and fine tannins with hints of dark chocolate and aniseed.

### **Villiera Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** 53 210

Stellenbosch

Cassis-infused yet with underlying savoury tones, gently oaked in a medium-body structure.

### **Warwick The First Lady 2015** 55 220

Stellenbosch

Good upfront blackcurrant aromas, supported by complex undertones of cherry and chocolate.

### **Cluster Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2016** 74 295

**Arco Laarman Wine Maker**

Western Cape

Rich inky colour. Primary red fruits including blueberries and blackberries on the nose and hints of anise. Clean, elegant palate with dark chocolate, cherry fruits and soft tannins. Great ageing potential.

### **Cederberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** 360

Cederberg

Concentrated dark fruits of blackcurrant and cassis, laced with a subtle mint undertone. Careful use of oak lends a hint of tobacco leaf, vanilla and smokey element to this complex wine. Enjoyed by - MD

- Ernie Els Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** **390**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Pure-fruited cassis on the nose open to a fine balance of dark chocolate, wet earth, delicate spice and dried herbs.
-  **Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** **420**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Aromas of lead pencil, chalk and bitter cherry and cigar smoke.
- Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** **475**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Concentrated blackcurrant and blackberry flavours with hints of mint and eucalyptus. Soft juicy flavours with a touch of dusty wood.
- Rust En Vrede Estate Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** **540**  
 Stellenbosch  
 Deep ruby in colour, followed by a bouquet of crème de cassis, cigar box and liquorice. Opulent palate filled with blackcurrant, dark chocolate and velvety tannins, and elegant yet bold finish.
-  **Waterford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2004** **1400**  
 Stellenbosch **Bought at the Annual Cape Independent Wine Makers' Guild**  
 Black cherry with black cherry fruit, intertwined with hints of cassis and fine vanilla and spice from the layered tannin structure is refined to give an elegance to the long rewarding finish on the palate.

## DESSERT WINES

-  **Stellar Organics Heaven On Earth NV** **40**  
Olifants River Valley  
The delicate flavours of the roses and apricots come through on the taste and are held together by wisps of rooibos, ending with pine nuts.
- Glen Carlou 'The Welder' 2012** **48**  
Paarl  
Stewed apricots with baked green apples and hints of lemon meringue.
-  **Simonsig Vin De Liza Noble Late Harvest 2010** **55**  
Stellenbosch  
Concentrated Syrah aromas of crushed peppercorns, dried proteas and fynbos combine with perfumed black berries on the nose - from Chenin Blanc grapes.
-  **Waterford Heatherleigh Noble Late Harvest NV** **55**  
Stellenbosch  
Dried apricot and citrus candy aromas. Complex honeyed flavour profile with a distinctive elegant finish. Made from Muscat d'Alexandre and Semillion.
- Beaumont Goutte D'Or 2015** **55**  
Botrivier  
Fresh and fruity driven Noble late harvest always surprises. Lovely acidity cuts through the sweetness. 58% Semillon and 42% Sauvignon Blanc botrytis grapes.
-  **Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 2013** **105 1950**  
Constantia  
Charming peach and spicy nutty cream.  
Enjoyed by - MD



## FORTIFIED WINES & GRAPPA

### **Landskroon 2011** **22**

Paarl

Ripe plums, blackberries in bouquet. Smooth but lively palate, attractive dry finish.

### **Vergenoegd Old Cape Colony 2006** **35**

Paarl

Complex and full mouth feel with lemon and naartjie zest, hints of chocolate and dried fruits. Excellent structure and balance of flavours with an incredibly long finish.

### **Beaumont Cape Vintage 2014** **35**

Botrivier

Intense, spicy nose dominated by cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and dark berry fruits. Big well balanced palate of dark plummy fruit, spices with a hint of toasty wood, this palate is backed up by good dry tannins.

### **L'Ormarins LBV** **36**

Franschhoek

A non-vintage LBV and a blend of nine different vintages, the oldest being 1992. The blend made mainly from Portuguese varietals, planted on L'Ormarins soils. On the nose there is a bouquet of rum, raisin and fruitcake flavours.

### **Klein Constantia Grappa** **55**

Constantia

Clear, limpid spirit. Exotic aromas of Turkish delight and citrus rind.

