



THE CELLARS-HOHENORT



WELCOME

The Cellars-Hohenort is proud to be situated in the Constantia Valley, which produces some of the finest wines in South Africa. Our wine selection focuses mainly on the unique wines of the Constantia Valley, plus a range from the finest growing regions of South Africa. We also present a small selection of international wines.

The descriptions of the various cultivars have been given to us by the wine makers themselves, complemented by some of our own.

The Cellars-Hohenort looks forward to helping you “fall in love” with the wines of the Constantia Valley.



*PLEASE NOTE THAT VINTAGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINES BY THE GLASS

NV	MOËT & CHANDON BRUT IMPÉRIAL	250
NV	GRAHAM BECK BRUT ROSÉ MCC	75
2012	KLEIN CONSTANTIA BRUT MCC	90
NV	VILLIERA TRADITION BRUT MCC	65
NV	CAPRICE NON-ALCOHOLIC	40

WHITE WINES BY THE GLASS

2016	EAGLES' NEST SAUVIGNON BLANC	60
2015	KLEIN CONSTANTIA SAUVIGNON BLANC	60
2015	DELAIRE GRAFF BANGHOEK RESERVE CHARDONNAY	85
2015	CONSTANTIA UITSIG UNWOODED CHARDONNAY	55
2015	MARVELOUS 'YELLOW' BLEND	55
2016	MULDERBOSCH CHENIN BLANC	60
2014	PAUL CLUVER 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER' RIESLING	60

BLANC DE NOIR & ROSÉ BY THE GLASS

2016	BUITENVERWACHTING BLANC DE NOIR	40
2016	KLEIN CONSTANTIA 'KC' ROSÉ	50
2016	WATERKLOOF 'CAPE CORAL' ORGANIC ROSÉ	60

RED WINES BY THE GLASS

2014	BEYERSKLOOF PINOTAGE RESERVE	70
2016	CREATION PINOT NOIR	80
2013	DORRANCE SYRAH	80
2012	EAGLES NEST MERLOT	75
2011	BUITENVERWACHTING MEIFORT	50
2015	MARVELOUS 'BLUE' BORDEAUX BLEND	60
2014	WARWICK 'FIRST LADY' CABERNET SAUVIGNON	50

MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

- NV GRAHAM BECK BRUT ROSÉ** 280
ROBERTSON
Typical, easy drinking charm of pink Cap Classique wines, light, perfumed red fruit flavours of raspberry and cherry, with a refreshing lively palate and smooth mousse.
- NV L'ORMARINES ROSÉ** 375
FRANSCHHOEK
Pale salmon hue. Crisp and vibrant on the entry followed by peach, pomegranate & cranberry
- 2012 KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE BRUT** 360
CONSTANTIA
Flinty vibrant nose with buttery brioche characters followed by a slightly green apple and citrus blossom aroma. The palate is concentrated and balanced by good acidity.
- NV STEENBERG BRUT 1682** 380
CONSTANTIA
On the nose, this 1682 Brut Chardonnay exhibits aromas of brioche, fresh green apples with subtle dried herbs. Crisp on the palate with a lemon zest acidity and a toasted savoury complexity.
- NV VILLIERA TRADITION BRUT** 255
STELLENBOSCH
A blend of red and white grapes, displaying the full, balanced yeasty complexity synonymous with a wine made in this style.
- NV HIGH CONSTANTIA** 595
CONSTANTIA
The palate is elegant, stylish, full and harmonious. Rich and yet gently composed. This is a grand vin with bubbles. Drink it over the next 3 years.

ITALIAN PROSECCO

- 2015 BOTTEGA PROSECCO** 470
ITALY
Colour and appearance is straw yellow, brilliant, fine and lasting perlage. Bouquet is fruity, flowery, a touch of Golden apple and exotic fruit.
- 2015 BOTTEGA 'MILLESIMATO'** 270
ITALY
The bouquet is fruity and flowery with scents of Golden apple and exotic fruit. The palate is dry, not very alcoholic, fragrant, fresh & well balanced.

CHAMPAGNE

- NV BOLLINGER BRUT** 1600
EPERNAY
Fine bubbles with beautiful aromatic complexity, with ripe fruit, spicy aromas, hints of roasted apples, apple compote and peaches.
- NV MOËT & CHANDON BRUT IMPÉRIAL** 1050

EPERNAY

A harmonious blend of all three varietals and reserve wines, with the aim to produce a consistent, subtle, drier-style Champagne, delicately vinous with a lime and vine blossom attack.

NV MOËT & CHANDON BRUT ROSÉ

1200

EPERNAY

A lively wine, with accessible suppleness and zest. Pinot Noir based, the wine leaves a mouth-watering impression in the wake of strawberry and sour cherry notes.

2006 MOËT & CHANDON CUVÉE DOM PERIGNON

3400

REIMS

Aromas of almond and powdered cocoa develop gradually into white fruit with hints of dried flowers. On the palate, the wine instantly traces an astoundingly fine line between density and weightlessness. Its precision is extreme, tactile, dark and chiselled.

NV VEUVE CLIQUOT PONSARDIN

1150

REIMS

An intense pleasant fragrance, with fruit and brioche notes. It is well balanced and pleasantly fresh to taste, with remarkable fruity structure. It's the perfect aperitif and a welcome accompaniment with seafood.

THE CONSTANTIA WINE REGION

Considering its historical reputation, the Constantia valley is known more for its white wines such as Sauvignon, Semillon and Muscat. Reds such as Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah and Nebbiolo also perform well, depending on the location of the vineyards. Constantia receives over 1000mm of rain a year making irrigation unnecessary. The warmer north facing slopes of Constantia also produces elegant Merlot, Cabernet and Nebbiolo.



SAUVIGNON BLANC

- 2016** **EAGLES' NEST** **170**
Constantia
West Coast and Durbanville grown grapes, vinified at Eagles' Nest in Constantia, typical coastal Sauvignon with plenty of fresh fruit, uncomplicated and refreshing.
- 2015** **KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE** **250**
Constantia
Ripe but delicate aromas of yellow stone-fruit, good mineral core, nicely balanced with a fresh finish.
- 2016** **NITIDA** **195**
Durbanville
*Immediate elegance, full of lemon grass and fresh apples.
Followed by mellow green fig and white peach around a heart of pure minerality.
Fantastic partner to a line fish or salad.*
- 2015** **MARIANNE** **260**
Simonsberg -Paarl
*An Estate wine of the Simonsberg, produced in a fume-blanc style, a method often used in Bordeaux & alluding to barrel maturation prior to bottling. The result is a complex, poised palate of white peach, ripe tropical fruit, a little fresh herb, vanilla and citrus.
Terrific food wine alongside flavoursome fish dishes, white meat or creamy risotto.*
- 2013** **ESONA** **150**
Robertson
This Sauvignon Blanc is crisp. Made in a serious style. Delicate hints of green peppers, fresh cut herbs and sea spray aromas integrate superbly with vibrant nuances of minerality in the finish.
- 2015/16** **THELEMA SUTHERLAND** **190**
Elgin
Fragrant aromas of fresh citrus and passion fruit, beautiful freshness with a lime and green apple palate.
- 2016** **CONSTANTIA GLEN** **240**
CONSTANTIA
A top Sauvignon Blanc with features of nettle, ripe lime and oyster shells. Ripeness of fruit reflects this warm vintage. Good balance of primary and secondary fruit aromas.

CHARDONNAY

- 2015** **CONSTANTIA UITSIG UNWOODED** **240**
Constantia
Multi-scented aromas and whiffs of tropical fruit, very generous on the palate, extended lees contact adds to the plate weight, one of the Cape's finest examples of an un-wooded Chardonnay.
- 2015** **UVA MIRA 'THE MIRA'** **340**
HELDERBERG
Gently oaked and refreshing in style with enticing minerality, a lovely floral fragrance and subtle spice. A wine of intense purity with sweet, juicy lime offset by a lingering acidity.

2013	DORRANCE Western Cape <i>Cuvee Anais, named after the wine maker's youngest daughter is a truly expressive wine displaying vibrant tropical fruits with background notes of honey and biscuits. Limestones hint at the underlying minerality.</i>	310
2015	HAMILTON RUSSELL - ORGANIC HEMEL - EN - AARDE <i>One of South Africa's flagships offering a stylistic resemblance to the wines of Puligny and Meursault. Very complex it combines the sense of the Old and New world. Showing a melange of lime, apple, melon and white truffle, also some savoury notes.</i>	650
2015	DELAIRE GRAFF 'BANGHOEK' RESERVE Stellenbosch <i>Elegant with layered nuances of vanilla, peaches and honeycomb. A hint of minerality adds to a lingering finish.</i>	250
2015	GROOT CONSTANTIA CONSTANTIA <i>A full-bodied wine with citrus and subtle spice on the nose.</i>	480
2015	WARWICK 'THE FIRST LADY' UNWOODED Western Cape <i>A pale straw colour with a hint of green in the glass. Intense nose of fresh pineapple, lemon, citrus and floral notes. The mid-palate is broad and appealing, supported by a lingering acidity.</i>	206

RIESLING

2014	HARTENBERG Stellenbosch <i>Delicate floral hints with spicy richness. The palate shows layers of soft summer fruits finishing off with a lovely tropical zestiness. This is a quality wine that offers great value and food pairing versatility.</i>	195
2015	JORDAN 'REAL MCCOY' Stellenbosch <i>Intense lemon-lime flavour. A crisp fruitiness makes it a superb partner with food and hints of spiciness adding to its intrigue.</i>	200
2014	PAUL CLUVER 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER' Elgin <i>Wonderfully fragrant, concentrated fruit and floral notes. Lots of mango, orange and frangipani with a sweet melon finish. Lovely lime and lemongrass finish.</i>	220
2013	LOTHIAN VINEYARDS Elgin <i>Very pale colour with green hues. The aroma has a hint of the classic Lothian Riesling characters but is most redolent of green mango, nectarines and lychees. The palate shows great length and finesse with a vibrancy of perfumed fruits such as guava and sweet peach, overlaid with a touch of white cherry, sorbet and clove.</i>	185

GEWÜRZTRAMINER

2015	PAUL CLUVER ESTATE Elgin <i>The most consistent Cape producer of this aromatic variety. Red rose petal, hints of</i>	220
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litchi and fragrant lime zest. Light and fresh, great as an aperitif or with mildly spiced Cape Malay cuisine.

CHENIN BLANC

- 2013/15 REMHOOGTE 'HONEYBUNCH' 325**
STELLENBOSCH
Pale golden yellow colour. The nose is complex. The palate is rich and full bodied with a creamy texture, livened by a fresh acidity.
- 2016 MULLINEUX KLOOF 140**
STELLENBOSCH
Pale straw in colour, this wine has a nose of sun ripened pears and wet granite. The palate has a vibrant acidity balanced by a soft, round texture and some pithy character. The wine has a fresh, mineral finish.
- 2016 MULDERBOSCH 180**
Stellenbosch
Pale straw colour with a splash of green. Intense nose with Bartlett pear, red apple, tarragon, persimmon and lime peel. The mid-palate is broad and appealing with a surprising creamy texture adjunct with subtle jasmine and frangipane notes.

SEMILLON

- 2014 CONSTANTIA UITSIG 360**
Constantia
One of Constantia's most celebrated Semillons. This wooded Semillon is rich and full-bodied, with hints of orange peel, candied tangerine, hazelnuts and marzipan. Matured for 7 months in light toast barrique. Quality of vintage is well reflected in this wine.
- 2014 STEENBERG VINEYARDS 360**
Constantia
A speciality of the house, notes of tangerine and fresh cut green grass, litchi and fragrant lime zest, full bodied with a waxy-flinty finish. Fermented in French Barrique for 6 weeks showing hints of sweet spices. Only made in exceptional vintages.

VIOGNIER

- 2015 EAGLES' NEST 345**
Constantia
Constantia's first bottling from this Rhône Valley grape. Dried yellow fruits such as apricots and peaches, fresh lime and hints of sweet oak spices add to the complex mouth-feel. Matured in French oak for 6 months.
- 2015 HILTON ROSE QUARTZ 300**
Highly aromatic, with hints of jasmine, peach and overtones of oak on the nose followed by a rich and opulent orange rind, quince and white peach. Soft but full on the palate.

WHITE BLENDS

- 2009** **ASHBOURNE ‘SANDSTONE’** **420**
Walker Bay
A classic, fresh, bright, fine wine. The blend remains Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. The vintage shows through in a little riper fruit profile, despite the lower alcohol.
- 2016** **BUITENVERWACHTING ‘BUITEN BLANC’** **150**
Constantia
Full bodied Sauvignon Blanc based blend offers a variation of fruit characters including ripe gooseberry, green peppers, green melon and hints of tropical fruit.
- 2015/16** **CONSTANTIA GLEN TWO** **450**
Constantia
Elegant white blend with subtle aroma of apricot, and pineapple. Lovely undertone of lime and gentle oak fruit integration.
- 2015** **MARVELOUS ‘YELLOW’** **210**
WESTERN CAPE
Lovely round structure on the palate with lush tropical fruit and pear tempered by a surprisingly long finish with Floral notes on the nose. A blend of Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Viognier.
- 2011/14** **STEENBERG ‘MAGNA CARTA’** **820**
Constantia
The nose shows aromas of elderflower, gooseberries and orange blossom. The palate is broad and textured with a bright line of acidity giving the wine backbone.

ROSÉ

- 2016** **WATERKLOOF ‘CAPE CORAL’ MOURVÉDRE - ORGANIC** **190**
Stellenbosch
Pale, salmon colour. Delicate floral aromas, with hints of minerality are prominent on the nose. The palate is soft, fresh and supple, finishing with a balanced acidity. Traditionally the wine is served on its own, but also marries well with salmon and fresh dishes.
- 2016** **DELAIRE GRAFF CABERNET FRANC** **160**
Stellenbosch
Made from 100% Cabernet Franc, this unique Rosé displays flavours of ripe strawberries, cassis and candyfloss with dark red berries and cream on the mid palate and a juicy, crisp and dry finish.
- 2016** **KLEIN CONSTANTIA ‘KC’** **150**
Constantia
Bright and opaque salmon in appearance. A palate full of well rounded, luscious fruit.

BLANC DE NOIR

- 2016** **BUITENVERWACHTING** **170**
Constantia
Appealing red fruit character, light to medium body supported by a fine freshness, ideal for lunch on hot summer days.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014/15	GROOT CONSTANTIA Constantia <i>Blackcurrant, cherries, plums a hint of cigar box and mint on the nose. A complex wine that is full on the palate, packed with fruit flavour and the tannins to support for good ageing.</i>	360
2014	UVA MIRA 'THE MIRA' Helderberg, Stellenbosch <i>A wine of poise possessed with real elegance and polished tannins. The nose is fresh, clean and refined showing aromas of deep blackberry, graphite and freshly picked violets.</i>	375
2013	RUST - EN - VREDE Stellenbosch <i>Complex structure of smoke aged meat, blackcurrant, chocolate and hints of cigar and lead pencil shavings. Medium to full bodied in structure.</i>	415
2014/15	CEDERBERG Cederberg <i>Loads of blackcurrants with cedar wood undertones on the nose with a hint of smokiness and tobacco leaf, creating a complex wine.</i>	360
2013	JORDAN Stellenbosch <i>Fully developed flavours and soft ripe tannins with elegance captured from the various cabernet slopes. Classic essences of cedar, brambles and toasted tobacco.</i>	320
2014	WARWICK 'THE FIRST LADY' Western Cape <i>Deep and intense ruby red colour. The bouquet reveals red berries, black currants and pleasant herbal characters with smooth, ripe and round tannins.</i>	210

MERLOT

2014	ANURA RESERVE Paarl <i>This full-bodied, well balanced wine has loads of ripe blackberry, red berry and blackcurrant flavours with hints of herbal and violet aromas.</i>	250
2012	EAGLES' NEST Constantia <i>Minty and fragrant cool climate Merlot, plenty of dark fruit with a firm structure. Nicely balanced, 18 months French oak maturation is well absorbed, Medium bodied with a clean finish.</i>	335
2014	MEERLUST Stellenbosch <i>Deep, youthful purple colour with a ruby rim. Hints of dark chocolate and inkiness. The palate offers generous, ripe, pure Merlot fruit with refreshing acidity..</i>	560
2013/14	STEENBERG Constantia <i>Overt minty character with a medium body and graceful on the palate.</i>	295
2015	GUARDIAN PEAK Stellenbosch	210

The fresh dark fruit and black cherry aromas are well integrated with smooth mocha coffee notes. The dark mulberry and plum notes are prominent on the palate.

SHIRAZ / SYRAH

- 2015 DELAIRE GRAFF** **250**
Stellenbosch
A ripe and approachable Shiraz with a ruby colour and purple tints with a spicy white pepper undertone as well as lavender and dark red fruit aromas of mulberries.
- 2013 HILTON VINEYARDS** **360**
ELGIN
A little closed on the nose and palate, but displaying notes of small red fruits and a touch of white pepper. The palate is taut and beautifully balanced with soft smooth intense darker fruit.
- 2014 EAGLES' NEST** **480**
Constantia
Dense aromas of cherry on the nose and light red fruit with hints of light creamy tannin and toasted coconut.
- 2013 DORRANCE 'CUVEE AMEENA'** **320**
Perdeberg / Elgin
Pure sweet fruit underpinned by spicy, supple tannins. Accessible but elegantly restrained style.
- 2012 THELEMA SUTHERLAND** **260**
Elgin
Aged in French oak barrels for 18 months showing black berry flavours with great texture on the palate.

PINOT NOIR

- 2016 CREATION** **350**
Hemel - en - Aarde Ridge
This wine is deep in colour with a fragrant bouquet of red berry and vanilla with a whiff of wood spice. A full-bodied palate, supple tannins contribute to the structure.
- 2015 HAMILTON RUSSELL - ORGANIC** **650**
Hemel - en - Aarde Valley
Not overtly fruity, soft and "sweet" and it generally shows hints of that alluring "primal" character along with a dark, spicy, complex primary fruit perfume.
- 2014 NEWTON JOHNSON** **450**
Upper Hemel - en - Aarde Valley
Full colour with deep, abundant flavours of black cherry, spice and liquorice. A mineral, earthy character complements the long savoury finish.
- 2015 ARENSIG 'INSPIRATIONAL BATCH'** **270**
Robertson
Fruit driven red produced from a selection of single vineyards with unique soil and climate location.
- 2013 LOTHIAN VINEYARDS** **365**
Elgin
A deep ruby red hue with a fragrant bouquet of red plums, raspberry and black cherry overlaid with integrated oak spice. The palate shows ripe, red berry fruit and cherry flavours with

lingering fruit sweetness.

PINOTAGE

- 2009 MARRIANE** 295
Simonsberg-Paarl
An exclusive allocation from an acclaimed Cape vintage. Produced from low-yielding estate bush vines, the result is a parade of dark fruit, spice, a little marshmallow and cherry tobacco aromas. The palate shows real length – red fruits and tannic grip.
- 2013 BEAUMONT** 295
Walker Bay
Red berries, plums and cherries on the nose, followed by a palate of excellent balance, structure and appealing sweet berry ripeness.
- 2014/15 GROOT CONSTANTIA** 350
Constantia
A dark hued, full-bodied wine. Aromas of dark chocolate, cherries and ripe plums on the nose followed by ripe strawberry and juicy plum on the palate. These juicy flavours are well-balanced by firm tannins adding complexity to the wine.
- 2014 BEYERSKLOOF RESERVE** 280
Stellenbosch
Rich, deep aromas of plums and cherries on the nose with a subtle aroma of dark chocolate and a dash of spice. The palate explodes with rich textured fruit flavours of plum, cherries and dried figs with an underlying toasted spice.

CABERNET FRANC

- 2014 RAATS FAMILY WINES** 695
Stellenbosch
Rich, compact and deep with aromas of coffee and strawberries, beautifully balanced fruit and oak components. 16 months French oak maturation, only 20% in 1- fill.
- 2010 HIGH CONSTANTIA** 400
Constantia
Medium red-ruby colour. Complex nose melds earthiness, leather, pepper, coffee and wild herbs. Sweet, high-toned flavours of blueberry and black raspberry, with a peppery element that does not cross over into greenness.

RED BLENDS

(RHONE/BORDEAUX & CAPE BLENDS)

- 2011/12 CONSTANTIA GLEN FIVE** 560
Constantia
extremely elegant Bordeaux-style blend of all five Bordeaux varieties - Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Malbec. This wine offers ripe black fruit flavours that integrate beautifully with the refreshing spiciness on the palate.
- 2010 BEAU CONSTANTIA 'LUCCA'** 450
Constantia
Rich, but also has a fantastic minerality and a perfumed freshness that allows for a long, well-

defined finish. The wine has been hand-crafted to express the elegance.

- 2013 SILVERMIST- ORGANIC ROCKETDOG RED 615**
Constantia
Ripe dark fruit accompanied by sweet pipe tobacco with hints of cinnamon. The wine has a spicy, savoury and herbaceous finish which adds to its complexity.
- 2011 BUITENVERWACHTING 'CHRISTINE' 620**
Constantia
This Bordeaux style blend consists of Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc, offering rich red fruit characters reminiscent of ripe cherry and black currant.
- 2013/14 DE TOREN 'FUSION V' 790**
Stellenbosch
The iconic Left Bank-based blend is meticulously crafted from Bordeaux's Noble Five varietals. Complex flavours of liquorice, black cherry, cedar and dark berries, it offers stylish departure for sophisticated oenophilic tastes.
- 2013 KANONKOP 'PAUL SAUER' 920**
Stellenbosch
Layers of black fruit, perfume and cedar wood creates a complex nose and palate. The acid, alcohol and integrated tannins provides a balance and ensures a fantastic aging potential.
- 2013 MEERLUST 'RUBICON' 670**
Stellenbosch
The palate is full bodied, structured by beautifully sleek, ripe tannins which restrain the vibrant dark fruit typical of this vintage, giving the wine an opulent texture which is kept focused by the linear acidity.
- 2011 BUITENVERWACHTING MEIFORT 190**
Constantia
Full bodied and complex red blend. Warm and inviting nose showing elegant plum, red cherry characters combined with spicy oak and tobacco characters.
- 2015 MARVELOUS 'BLUE LABEL' 240**
Stellenbosch
Showcasing aromas of cassis, cigar box and brambles with hints of eucalyptus and violet on the nose. The palate delivers crisp fine tannins, with bursts of succulent black fruits leading to a smooth finish. A blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot

KLEIN CONSTANTIA



VIN DE CONSTANCE COLLECTION

One of the Top 100 legendary wines of the world and the only one from the Cape. Made from the very same vine cuttings brought to the Cape by Jan Van Riebeeck in 1655. Harvested berry by berry fascinates with its deep gold colour and oily texture, with opulent aromas of sun ripened apricot, peaches, nectarines and raisins.

500ml bottle

1989	KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE VIN DE CONSTANCE	5500
1990	KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE VIN DE CONSTANCE	5000
1991	KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE VIN DE CONSTANCE	4800
1993	KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE VIN DE CONSTANCE	4000
2011	KLEIN CONSTANTIA ESTATE VIN DE CONSTANCE	1200

SWEET & FORTIFIED WINES

CALITZDORP

NV	DE KRANS CAPE PINK PORT	GLASS	20
NV	DE KRANS CAPE TAWNY PORT	GLASS	27

STELLENBOSCH

2010	MULDERBOSCH SAUVIGNON BLANC NOBLE LATE HARVEST	375 ML GLASS	400 40
1994	OVERGAAUW CAPE VINTAGE PORT	GLASS	35

ELGIN

2014	PAUL CLUVER WEISSER RIESLING NOBLE LATE HARVEST	375 ML GLASS	420 60
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PAARL

2011	PERDEBERG WEISSER RIESLING NATURAL SWEET	500ML GLASS	255 30
2001	NEDERBURG PRIVATE BIN MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE NOBLE LATE HARVEST	375 ML	245

**NEDERBURG EDELKEUR NOBLE LATE HARVEST
NOBLE LATE HARVEST**

1974 750ML 4000

WESTERN CAPE

NV	MONIS FINO EXTRA DRY SHERRY	GLASS	25
NV	MONIS PALE DRY SHERRY	GLASS	25
NV	MONIS MEDIUM CREAM SHERRY	GLASS	25
NV	MONIS FULL CREAM SHERRY	GLASS	25

SAUTERNES

2002	CHATEAU D'YQUEM PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE	375 ML	3425
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HUNGARY - TOKAI-HEGYALJA

2000	TOKAJI ASZÚ BLUE LABEL 5 PUTTONYOS	500 ML	1450
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ABOUT CAPE VINTAGES

With such a diversity of terroir, macro, micro, subterranean and Mediterranean environment, vintage differences are not as marked and uniform as in Europe. However South Africa's most interesting, captivating and compelling wines are made by the dedicated and widely travelled young generations of wine makers, making distinct wines of character and pedigree reflecting site, vintage condition and complexity to rival some of the world's benchmarks... hereunder a summarised retrospective of the past 28 years...

CAPE VINTAGES 2004 – 2013

2013	<i>2013 has seen the biggest grape crop ever produced after the harvest season with an increase of 5% compared to 2008. Good weather conditions impacted positively on wine grape quality.</i>
2012	<i>Unusually dry, hot January strained unirrigated vineyards. Otherwise a good to very good vintage for both reds and whites. Moderate alcohol levels.</i>
2011	<i>Grapes were generally healthy with good analyses, and at this stage the quality of red cultivars in particular appears to be excellent. The missing winter rains resulted in very low yields aiding to the quality of the grapes. Very hard to generalize. Allow producers track record to lead buying choices.</i>
2010	<i>From the late rains in 2009, wind during flowering in October and the double rainfall in November through to the incredibly hot, dry month of February, it has been a testing vintage in the Western Cape. Conclusion is that, although this has been a difficult year in the vineyards with smaller yields due to the poor fruit set, the berries are therefore also smaller, which results in greater colour intensity, and big and bold reds.</i>
2009	<i>A dry and moderate season. Flowering was late and growth was slow with the harvest starting on average 16 days later than in 2008. This is starting to develop into one of the greatest vintages of the Cape. Especially Stellenbosch</i>

(Helderberg in particular) Bordeaux reds are stellar in balance and complexity, with great ageing potential.

- 2008 *Annus Horribilis. The wettest summer recorded since the 1800's, almost sub-tropical conditions; rain on average every 6 days between November and March. Mildew, grey rot and botrytis were the constant challenges; the older generation winemakers compared it to 1987 and 1977.... Many thin and diluted white wines were produced, showing a distinct lack of varietal character, palate weight and concentration.*
- 2007 *One of the earliest vintages to date, with harvesting starting in the first week of January due to heat spells. Yet, the rest of ripening season was moderate and favourable, resulting in elegant, structured whites and red wines with intense colour and fruit concentration. One of the highlights of the decade.*
- 2006 *A good vintage overall. Good weather conditions at the start of the growing season led to good growth, as well as flowering and set in the early varieties. Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir were definitely the stars of the vintage, as well as some stunning Chardonnays and Chenins. Great white vintage.*
- 2005 *A tough and extremely challenging vintage, due to extraordinarily high temperatures in Stellenbosch and Paarl, floods in Robertson, moderate in Constantia, Durbanville, Franschoek, Elgin and Hemel en Aarde valley. The white wines from the moderate areas have lived up to our expectations with good palate weight and longevity in the bottle. Some big (if alcoholic) reds.*
- 2004 *Long and testing is how many producers will remember the 2004 harvest. Due to the moderate growing conditions, much of the harvest was still hanging on the vines, beginning of March, resulting in low alcohols. As with all cool seasons, the wines will develop more slowly than warm season wines.*

CAPE VINTAGES 1992 - 2003

- 2003 *The moderate growing conditions allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and reached optimum physiological ripeness, resulting in full bodied wines with lots of fruitiness and lovely colour. An outstanding vintage, especially for reds, offering wines that are only entering drinking window after 10 years.*
- 2002 *A challenging and patchy year marred by an abnormally long heat wave, followed by untimely rain during the harvest. Some good Syrah rather than Shiraz, for the rest caveat emptor.*
- 2001 *Generally throughout the wine lands ripening took place under cool conditions, with even the traditional February heat wave being tempered by low night-time temperatures. The overall view is that though quantity might be down, qualities were very good to excellent. Fruity and concentrated reds. Whites may be slightly hot*
- 2000 *Despite the unusual heat wave and soaring temperatures experienced at the beginning of this year, the overall quality of the grapes which were lucky enough to be unscathed by the fires that ravaged our beautiful mountain and forest areas. Powerful and concentrated big reds, befitting a hot year. Whites not for ageing.*
- 1999 *The dry winter and unfavourable weather conditions in certain regions during the pressing season resulted in grapes not ripening optimally. Early drinking vintage*
- 1998 *Dry winter followed by a hot summer created wines with high alcohol. Good fruit makes most of the wines stand up for the alcohol but in some reds it is simply overpowering. Regarded as a very good red vintage, but only selective reds still drinking well.*
- 1997 *Long moderate ripening period is every winemaker's dream, as it produces a wine with a good balance between acidity, extract and fruit. Among the coolest and latest vintages on record. Supple, elegant reds, and also super stylish whites.*
- 1996 *A moderate season with lots of downy mildew and high PH, resulting in short lived wines for most part. However, some really good quality wines were produced by the top estates.*
- 1995 *Second very hot vintage after '94 with an even lower yield. A very ripe year for high concentration, high quality reds, as well as particularly good*

- Cabernet Sauvignons and Pinotages. Excellent maturation potential, exercise patience.*
- 1994 *One of the hottest, driest and earliest vintages to date. Most winemakers are happy with the quality; some excellent reds have been made. This is largely due to improved vineyard management. Variable for the most part.*
- 1993 *Flowering took place in moderate weather, but strong wind did considerable damage to many vines. January brought very hot weather, the quality areas produced better than average whites and most reds were good. Pinotage and the early Cabernet Sauvignon all look good, but the late-ripening Cabs were disappointing.*
- 1992 *Another very good year. Red varieties on the whole did not quite achieve the heights of 1991, although some were outstanding. It was dry and cool leading up to the harvest. Cabernet Sauvignon as good as 1991 and Pinotage was great too. Very good white vintage too.*

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- 1991 *One of the best Cape vintages. Certainly the best favourable weather-wise, resulting in the finest fruit quality. Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as Cabernet Franc were excellent. Good concentration*
- 1990 *This turned out to be a fine quality year, although the vintage gave the winemakers a lot of headaches, with most of the top quality grapes ripening at the same time. It was the first vintage with a significant amount of earlier-ripening virus-free clones to have a marked effect on the picking programme. Mostly too old for drinking now (except sweets and fortifieds)*
- 1989 *Good bud burst followed a cold winter. Generally dry, although moderate right through to Christmas. This produced slightly later ripening conditions, which resulted in improved quality and greater concentration of flavour. Reds were good across the varieties.*
- 1988 *The long, cool ripening season ended in the middle of the vintage, with a four-week heat wave. The cooler areas produced some very good wines and some magnificent dessert wines were made.*
- 1987 *The Coastal area experienced a lot of iodine and downy mildew due to a relatively wet but warm winter. The outstanding feature of the vintage was the balanced combination of high fixed acidity, low ph and good sugar, resulting in a good white vintage.*
- 1986 *At the time, one of the hottest, driest summers for a couple of decades. Winemakers were generally delighted with the quality of their reds and the better whites. Some Cabernet Sauvignon still has lots of development potential.*
- 1985 *The moderate conditions and frequent rains during the ripening period yielded grapes with good acid but lacking sugar, which resulted in lower alcohol in the wines. Generally better whites than reds.*
- 1984 *After a record crop (by volume) in 1983, the reserve nutrients in the wood and root system of the vines were at a low level and it was anticipated that the '84 crop would be relatively small. As it happened, the Western Cape had one of its wettest winters in ten years. Conditions resulted in a better-than-expected crop in terms of both volume and quality. Some very good Shiraz, Pinotage and Cabernet Sauvignon was produced.*
- 1983 *The crop was up 5% on the record harvest of 1982 and it was a sound vintage, although the sugar and acid levels were generally lower. Wines are well balanced and developing better than expected.*
- 1982 *Almost perfect climatic conditions enabled superb wines to be produced. Especially for Bordeaux style reds.*

Earlier Cape wines show fantastic age-ability, and often surprise collectors and commentators. Even vintages earlier than the above are still drinking very well, with notable highlights coming from 1974 and 1978. Wines were picked at lower ripeness levels, and made more austere and with lower alcohols.