

Wine List

In order to assist you in your quest, we have included the John Platter rating guide.



Below is a guide to the various ratings:

*****	Superlative	Outstanding	****½
****	Excellent	Very Good	***½
***	Character	Good Drinking	**½
**	Pleasant Drinking	Casual Quaffing	*½
*	Plain & Simple	Very ordinary	½

	Per Glass	Per Bottle
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Champagne

Moët & Chandon

France

A delicate and balanced true French champagne. One is seduced by an inviting and savoury presence, affirming a radiant and fleshy fruitiness. Caramelized & almost mineralized citrus fruits on the palate.

R800

Sparkling Wine & Methode Cap Classique

Boplaas Pinot Noir

Calitzdorp – Winemaker: Morné Landman

John Platter **½

Dry carbonated sparkling wine with a pale blush colour. Light refreshing pear & strawberry flavours with a tangy finish.

R130

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel

Stellenbosch – Winemaker: Johan Malan

John Platter ****

Lovely floral aromas, mouth-watering berry flavours of red grapes and a touch of Chardonnay citrus freshness.

R170

Graham Beck Brut

Franschhoek/Robertson – Winemaker: Erika Obermeyer & Irene Waller

John Platter ****

A beautiful harmony of lengthy Chardonnay and fragrant Pinot Noir. Light yeasty aromas, good fruit on the nose, and rich creamy complexity on the palate. Fine mousse gives freshness and finesse.

R180

Pierre Jourdan Cuvée Belle Rosé

Franschhoek – Winemaker: Achim von Arnim

John Platter ****

Cuvée Belle Rosé has the faintest tinge of salmon pink, a lively presentation of Pinot Noir flavours, a pleasing fine mousse and reveals an elegant dry finish.

R210

Sauvignon Blanc

Du Toitskloof Sauvignon Blanc

Rawsonville – Winemaker: Philip Jordaan

John Platter ****½

A full, ripe wine with gooseberry, asparagus, pear & litchi flavours. A distinctive crisp, grassy nose carries through to the palate.

R25

R130

Fleur du Cap Sauvignon Blanc

Sellenbosch – Winemaker: Pieter Badenhorst

John Platter ***

On the nose, the wine displays lovely aromas of sweet melon, ripe fig and underlying grassy notes with hints of tropical fruit. On the palate there is great balance between the tropical fruit & herbaceous flavours, combined with a crispness and lingering aftertaste.

R35

R150

Durbanville Hills Sauvignon Blanc

Durbanville – Winemaker: Martin Moore

John Platter ***½

Grassy, green pepper and asparagus flavours meld with tropical fruits and gooseberries to create a high toned, truly exciting wine.

R160

Karusa Southern Slope Sauvignon Blanc

Klein Karoo – Winemaker: Jacques Conradie

A clean cut wine with a limey, minerality and erupting green fig and cut grass notes topped with tropical fruit flavour integration. A soft palate with a flinty crisp and fresh white fruit palate.

R160

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc

Franschhoek – Winemaker: Edmund Terblanche

John Platter ***½

The wine shows a distinct intensity of gooseberry, green apple, lime and pineapple to reveal its characteristics.

R170

Van Loveren Christina Sauvignon Blanc

Darling – Winemaker: Danelle van Rensburg

John Platter ****

This single vineyard Sauvignon Blanc is full-bodied with a typical grassy character. Fresh herbaceous tones are balanced with apple, tropical fruit and green fig on the palate to ensure an elegant, lingering finish.

R180

Springfield Life From Stone Sauvignon Blanc

Robertson – Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer

John Platter ****

The minimum yield of a vine rooted in 70% quartz stone is truly reflected in this wine. The flinty, black powder nose with a mineral palate will become more pronounced.

R180

Paul Cluver Sauvignon Blanc

Elgin – Winemaker: Andries Burger & Nina Swiegelaar

John Platter ****

The best of both new world and the old world Sauvignon Blanc characteristics. Displaying tropical aromas on the nose and lingering clean mineral characteristics on the palate.

R210

Chardonnay

Diemersdal Unwooded Chardonnay

Durbanville

Winemaker: Thys Louw & Mari van der Merwe

John Platter ****

Concentrated spicy aromas with fresh fruit flavours. Elegant with the richness of the fruit enhanced by Golden Delicious apples and sweet melon aromas.

R30

R130

Mulderbosch Chardonnay

Stellenbosch

Winemaker: Erina Cilliers & Annalie van Dyk

John Platter ****

The prominent aromas and flavours on the nose and palate are pear, citrus, almonds, green apple, litchi and melon. A crisp, fresh wine, yet balanced with primary Chardonnay fruit flavours and integrated oak vanillin.

R160

Van Loveren Christina Chardonnay

Robertson

Winemaker: Danelle van Rensburg

John Platter ****

A well-balanced, single vineyard wine. Typical citrus and buttery aromas are complimented by toasty oak derived from new French oak barrels. Full, dry finish.

R170

Joubert Tradauw R62 Chardonnay

Tradauw

Winemaker: Meyer Joubert

John Platter ****

This is an elegant, classic Chardonnay with hints of melon, citrus, honey, caramel and eucalyptus; with a mineral earthiness. The main focus is the balance between fruit, oak and alcohol. It's a finely structured and thinly layered wine – a true food wine with a myriad dimensions on the nose, palate and after-taste.

R210

Paul Cluver Chardonnay

Elgin

Winemaker: Andries Burger & Nina Swiegelaar

John Platter ****½

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 and nuances of oak. As you sip, these flavours are long and lingering.

R260

Chenin Blanc**Tukulu Chenin Blanc**

Darling - Winemaker: Samuel Viljoen

John Platter ****½

Concentrated juicy-fruit, refreshing green apple and ripe melon with a hint of muskiness. Mouth-filling!

R120

Ken Forrester Petit Chenin Blanc

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Jannie Fourie

John Platter ****½

Perfect everyday drinking wine. A youthful wine showing fresh ripe melon with a mellow, round, mild and honeysuckle fruit palate and refreshingly long finish.

R130

Mulderbosch Steen op Hout

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Erina Cilliers & Annalie van Dyk

John Platter ****½

On the nose, tinned pineapples, guavas, litchi, lemon and lime aromas are abundant. A clean, lively wine with nuances of nutmeg and cloves. Well-balanced and elegant.

R140

White Blends**Zonnebloem Blanc de Blanc**

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Deon Boshoff

John Platter **½

A fresh, yet crisp, medium-bodied wine with a prominent fruit character.

R25

R130

Pierre Jourdan Tranquille

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Achim von Arnim

John Platter **

From the Cabrière Estate. The fragrant bouquet introduces a wine with a fine fruit and dry finish. The Pinot Noir is apparent in the pink hue and rich elegant flavour.

R130

Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc

Constantia - Winemaker: Hermann Kirschbaum & Brad Paton

John Platter ****½

A full-bodied wine that offers a variation of fruit characters including gooseberry, green peppers, melon and hints of tropical fruit.

R140

Haute Cabrière Chardonnay Pinot Noir

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Achim von Arnim

John Platter ***

Refined and elegant, with a firm acidity in the background. You will find an abundance of ripe zesty fruit, with a delectable fresh and full mouthfeel.

R160

Nederburg Ingenuity White

Paarl - Winemaker: Tariro Masayiti

John Platter *****

Nederburg Cellar master's blend of 8 fine white wines. A big and bold wine. An amalgam of herbaceous, floral and wood characters. When well-chilled the wine presents a crisp Sauvignon blanc profile but when lightly chilled the creamy oak vanillins come to the fore, with its spice and tannin characters.

R250

Semi-Sweet & Other White Cultivars

Leopard's Leap Lookout Chenin Blanc Semi-Sweet

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Eugene van Zyl

John Platter **

New-world, fruity, easy-drinking wine with fruit perfume and tropical notes on the nose. Enjoy the tropical fruit with hints of citrus and lemon on the palate.

R110

Paul Cluver Gewürztraminer

Elgin - Winemaker: Andries Burger & Nina Swiegelaar

John Platter ****½

One of the few drier style Gewürztraminers made in South Africa. Highly fragrant with litchi, rose petal, lime aromas leaping from the glass. Deliciously elegant and lingering on the palate. A refreshing spring-time, summer-time alternative to Sauvignon Blanc.

R160

Rosé

Boschendal Blanc de Noir

Simonsberg-Paarl

Winemaker: Lizelle Gerber

John Platter **

The combination of Pinot Noir and Shiraz imparts a lovely light salmon colour to the wine. On the nose the wine displays perfume and ripe fruit flavours, including red cherry and strawberry fruit. This versatile off-dry wine has delicious, elegant flavours.

R140

De Grendel Rosé

Durbanville

Winemaker: Elzette du Preez

John Platter ***

The wine has an attractive strawberry pink colour. Ample fruit reminds of red berries, strawberries and watermelon. The wine has a crisp, dry finish with a very well-structured natural acidity

R140

Cabernet Sauvignon

Anthonij Rupert Cabernet Sauvignon

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Neil Patterson & Christo Hammerse

John Platter ****½

Lovely upfront cassis and blueberry fruit with leather, spice and cherry tobacco whiffs. Juicy and appealing, there's ample red and black fruit on offer with a light peppery nuance too. Plush textured and soft, but with a light tannin grip and firm structure. Balance provided by well integrated oak and some dark, earthy spice depth. Eminently drinkable!

R140

Nederburg Cabernet Sauvignon

Paarl - Winemaker: Wim Truter

John Platter ***

A delicious amalgam of eucalyptus leaf, wild berry, chocolate and mocha, tempered by soft vanillins. Elegant and generous in flavour.

R145

Durbanville Hills Cabernet Sauvignon

Durbanville - Winemaker: Martin Moore

John Platter ****½

The wine has developed an elegant full-bodied style, displaying clean, somewhat shy, fruit aromas of wild berries, plum and strawberry with hints of cinnamon and cassis. The flavours open up to fill the mouth with a plump yet subtle wood aroma.

R165

Fleur du Cap Cabernet Sauvignon

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Justin Corrans

John Platter ****½

Deep ruby in colour with ripe berry, cherry and chocolate aromas with traces of vanilla and spice on the nose. On the palate the wine is rich and full-bodied with ample prune and cherry flavours and a long lasting aftertaste with a good tannin structure.

R45

R185

Van Loveren Christina Cabernet Sauvignon

Robertson - Winemaker: Danelle van Rensburg

John Platter ****½

A well-balanced showcase Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was matured in French oak barrels and has a dark rich colour with billowing blackberry fruit, dark chocolate and tobacco and cloves flavours, with a soft minty finish.

R190

Tokara Cabernet Sauvignon

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Miles Mossop

John Platter ****½

Cassis, cherries and cedar with underlying hints of toasted oak and lead pencil. A great purity of fruit showing dense dark fruit with a hint of mocha and spice.

R195

Hartenberg Cabernet Sauvignon

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Patrich Ngamane with Tanya Vietze

John Platter ****

Truffle, forest floor aromas inter-mingled with cigar box and lead pencil notes. The palate shows juicy, rich red and black fruits, vanillin oak flavours and savoury, lingering tannins on the aftertaste.

R220

Pinotage

Beyerskloof Pinotage

Stellenbosch

Winemaker: Beyers Truter & son Anri Truter

John Platter ****½

Ongoing delicious. Breathtaking, medium-bodied Bordeaux blend. Beauty is in the soft, fully ripe tannins that coat the mouth.

R145

Durbanville Hills Pinotage

Durbanville

Winemaker: Martin Moore with Louw Engelbrecht

John Platter ***

Dark red in colour with a purple edge. Ripe wild berries, rhubarb, fynbos aromas with a hint of vanilla appearing in the background. The wine is full-bodied, rich in character and has a harmonious fruit and acid balance on the finish.

R150

Karusa One Tree Hill Pinotage

Klein Karoo

Winemaker: Jacques Conradie

A dark bright colour intensity, typical flavours of sweet ripe raspberry and black cherry. The supporting oak displays dark chocolate and black spice flavours following into the palate with a full-bodied juicy and balanced structure and long finish.

R160

Diemersfontein Pinotage

Wellington

Winemaker: Francois Roode & Brett Rightford

John Platter ****

They call it "The People's Pinotage". Diemersfontein's flag carrier is the coffee-and-chocolate Pinotage! Praised for its easy accessibility, its uniqueness, and its wonderful rich coffee, smoky overtones on the nose - and yet voluptuous fruit, along with spicy, cinnamon and chocolaty notes on the palate. It is vivacious, versatile and velvety.

R180

Merlot

Leopard's Leap Merlot

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Eugene van Zyl

John Platter ***

Wild mushrooms to start with, then prominent dark fruit flavours. Rich with notes of chocolate and a cedar wood finish.

R25

R140

Du Toitskloof Merlot

Rawsonville - Winemaker: Philip Jordaan & Shawn Thomson

John Platter ***

Ripe mulberry, mint and stemmy flavours mingle pleasantly with light smokiness from the oak. The palate is characterised by firm, ripe tannins and there is a hint of chocolate on the aftertaste.

R140

Guardian Peak Merlot

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Mark van Buuren

John Platter ****½

Intense and youthful, expressing an array of blueberry, loganberry and raspberry flavours. Charming the palate are scents of roses and Turkish delight compliments this elegant and promising wine.

R150

Neethlingshof Merlot

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: De Wet Viljoen

John Platter ***

Dark ruby in colour with aromas of strawberry, vanilla and caramel. It is a full-bodied wine, velvety smooth with ripe, soft tannins.

R160

Shiraz

Delaire Shiraz

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Monré Vrey

John Platter ****

A Shiraz with rich perfumed red berries, vanilla and subtle white pepper aromas. Dark red fruit and spicy oak dominates this soft and elegant wine.

R150

Van Loveren Limited Release Shiraz

Robertson - Winemaker: Bussell Retief

John Platter ***½

An elegant wine, distinguished by a light peppery scent of deep ripe berries and soft spices, a whiff of wood smoke and tangy savoury fruit with an elegant, lingering cherry finish.

R170

Durbanville Hills Shiraz

Durbanville - Winemaker: Martin Moore with Louw Engelbrecht

John Platter ***½

A soft-textured but mouth-filling wine with spicy and smoky oak flavours that linger on the aftertaste. Aromas of white pepper, violets and plum with a veil of smoky oak.

R180

La Motte Shiraz

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Edmund Terblanche

John Platter ****½

The wine shows an intense spicy nose with aniseed, clove and black pepper surrounded by black cherry and blue berry fruit. Some liquorice and toffee notes are present. The palate is full-bodied, chewy and juicy, with integrated wood tannin that creates a pleasant clean and dry finish.

R250

Red Blends

Leopard's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Eugene van Zyl

John Platter ***½

Fresh aromas of blueberries, plums and cassis with hints of coffee. Elegantly round with a firm tannin structure.

R150

La Motte Millennium

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Edmund Terblanche

John Platter ****

A dusty, earthy nose with raspberry and mulberry fruit, cinnamon spice and a hint of mint, promising a complex wine. The first touch on the palate is velvety and juicy. The mid-palate is firm, but medium-bodied and the finish is mineral-dry and lingering.

R155

Zevenwacht Tin Mine Red

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Jacques Viljoen

John Platter ****

The nose bursts out of the glass with ripe mulberries gradually developing into red berries and vanilla with a slow release of mocha and dark chocolate. The palate impresses with density on entry matched with persistent yet supple tannins – a multi layered wine. The wine is textured and balanced that allows for a lengthy finish.

R160

Joubert Tradauw R62

Tradauw - Winemaker: Meyer Joubert

John Platter ***½

Flavours of earth, cedar, black berries, red currant and cassis. Infused with spice and vanilla, the tannins are soft with lingering fruit in a caressing finish. Superfine, well-structured.

R180

Rupert & Rothschild Classique

Paarl - Winemaker: Yvonne Lester & Clive Radloff

John Platter ****

Elegant and appealing with aromas of berries, sweet cherries, white pepper and cedar wood with undertones of aniseed and almond. Good complexity with dark chocolate and flinty undertones.

R300

Ernie Els "The Big Easy" Red

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Louis Strydom

John Platter ****

Very balanced and has beautiful tannin integration with great depth. Obvious dark berry flavours are infused with a chocolate cake feel and a hint of mocha from the oak. The finish is long and fruity.

R360

Meerlust Rubicon

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Chris Williams

John Platter ****½

The wine has a bouquet reminiscent of spicy tobacco leaf and cigar boxes. Firm tannins with a youthful palate. A well-balanced wine enjoyable with all fine food.

R410

Fleur Du Cap Laszlo

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Andrea Freeborough

John Platter ****½

The bouquet has rich, complex layers of black cherries, cassis and fruit cake with subtle nuances of pencil shavings and mint chocolate. These flavours come through on the palate and follow through to well integrated tobacco flavours balanced with cedar spice that is enveloped by firm tannins.

R520

Pinot Noir**Haute Cabrière Pinot Noir - Unwooded**

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Achim von Arnim

John Platter ***

The brilliant red colour is indicative of the elegant red berry aromas, which follow through to the palate showing enticing, concentrated ripe cherry and cranberry flavours.

R190

Groote Post Pinot Noir

Darling - Winemaker: Lukas Wentzel

John Platter ****½

This elegant and generous Darling Hills Pinot Noir displays a great deal of red berries and ripe strawberries supported by delicate oak tannins and smoky flavours.

R220

Paul Cluver Pinot Noir

Elgin - Winemaker: Andries Burger & Nina Swiegelaar

John Platter ****

A lovely garnet colour, with lots of wild berry fruit and wild mushroom scents on the nose. The palate is brimming with sweet berry flavours. Long, lingering, velvety finish.

R280

Meerlust Pinot Noir

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Altus Treurnicht

John Platter *****

Intense, translucent, youthful, purple-ruby appearance. Very forthcoming perfume on the nose with musk, wild strawberry, cranberry and hints of savoury richness, spice and a pronounced mineralogy. The palate is medium-bodied with pure Pinot Noir fruit flavours of plum and red cherry, densely textured tannin structure which adds to the volume and vivacity of the wine.

R360

Dessert Wine**Pierre Jourdan Ratafia**

Franschhoek - Winemaker: Achim von Arnim

John Platter ****

Ratafia is a fun drink packed with flavour, yet sophisticated. The taste is delicate yet enticing, the nose a mélange of tropical fruit with vanilla overtones.

Per 50ml glass
R60**Fleur du Cap Noble Late Harvest**

Stellenbosch - Winemaker: Pieter Badenhorst

John Platter *****

On the nose the wine shows attractive aromas of honey, litchi and dried fruit with typical dusty botrytis aromas in the background. On the palate the acid & fruit flavours are well balanced with dominant flavours of peaches and dried fruit underlined by vanilla spice.

Per 50ml glass
R50**Klein Constantia Vin de Constance**

Constantia - Winemaker: Adam Mason

John Platter ****½

Burnished copper in colour, with abundant aromas of dried mangos, apricots and honey. The palate is full bodied and intensely flavoured, with a thick, viscous consistency pared by pithy astringency and a fresh, mouthwatering finish.

Per 50ml glass
R100