

Wine List

Wine is my biggest passion in life. Having spent most of my life in the Western Cape, I have had the privilege of being influenced by and exposed to some truly amazing experiences within the Wine Culture of South Africa which has been a huge blessing for my particular career choice. With the support of the Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, I have trained and studied wine at the Cape Wine Academy, the University of Stellenbosch and most recently at the "Tasting Academy" at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business. I have also gained valuable experience from traveling around Europe with some of the world's most celebrated sommeliers and tasting wines from all over the globe.

Compiling this wine list has been a very exciting experience, not only for me, but also my colleagues who have been part of the process and have shared my passion with as much enthusiasm. Many bottles of wines have been tasted and hundreds if not thousands of kilometers were covered while we drove around the wine regions trying to find the stories behind the wines. We have had the privilege to meet some wonderful winemakers who were keen to invade the darkest corners of their cellars to open and share their wonderful wines with us.

Each and every wine featured on our list has been thoughtfully selected after spending many happy hours tasting and analyzing the wines, with the concept of food and wine pairing always in the forefront of our minds to ensure that you have a magical and unforgettable dining experience with us.

Wine can be intimidating even to the most experienced palate, and for that reason I avail myself to assist you with your selection to ensure the perfect wine is found for you and your guests.

I sincerely trust you enjoy the journey through this wine list as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.

Luvo Ntezo and the F&B Team

Sommelier

- *4th in the International Chaîne Des Rôtisseurs Jeune Sommelier competition in Vienna – Austria 2008*
- *Winner of the National Chaîne Des Rôtisseurs Jeune Sommelier competition in South Africa 2008*
- *Red Carnation Hotel Collection Sommelier of the year 2007/8*
- *Diners Club Wine List of the Year of Excellence Award 2005/7*
- *Diners Club Wine List of the Year Diamond Award 2008*
- *Diners Club Wine List of the Year Diamond Award 2009*

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Matching wine with your food

Combining good wine with good food might seem a daunting task for some, but the good news is the rules are not as strict as one would expect. Ultimately what one would like to achieve, is a third flavour that surpasses each individual taste, and in doing so, offers our palates the essence of a taste experience.

The key to successful food and wine paring, is seeking to achieve a balance in your personal tastes. Luvo, our Sommelier has a deep passion for wine, and is available to assist you with your decision.

The useful guide below will also help:

- Fruity wines go with fruity food
- Vinaigrette and high acid wines – (Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Noir) cancel each other out
- High acid wine and salty (shellfish) complement each other
- High acid wine and oily (roast duck) complement each other
- Strong flavours (steak) will dominate delicate flavours (white wine)
- Earthy (mushroom or truffles) goes with earthy (Pinot Noir)
- Herbal (vegetables, herbs, capers) goes with herbal (Chardonnay)

Adding salt to your food will help tone down the bitterness and astringency of certain wines.

Wines enjoyed with foods that are high in acidity will make the wine seem richer and mellower. Sweetness in food will enhance the flavour of bitterness in the wine, making it seem drier.

Savoury flavours will heighten the tannin in the wine, so by simply adding salt to food that is spicy will cancel this effect on the wine, making it more enjoyable.

Our Executive Chef, Roberto de Carvalho has designed a menu that is simply bursting with flavours. Ranging from spicy Portuguese influences to the delicate and floral aromas of Fynbos, there are fantastic options for everyone.

White wines with high acid include: Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, almost all sparkling wines. These wines usually pair well with most seafood.

Red Wines with high acid levels include: Pinot Noir, Sangiovese (including Chiantis) and Gamay. These wines are usually very good pairings with grilled seafood and most red sauces (tomato based).

White wines that have an amount of sweetness include: Most German wines, Vouvray, Chenin Blanc, Asti Spumante and many Rieslings. White Zinfandel is a pink wine and has sweetness and high acidity.

Red wines with an amount of sweetness include: Lambrusco and Port (very sweet)

Red wines with bitterness include: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, red Bordeaux and red Zinfandel.



Private Cellar Selection Grand Crus Bordeaux

The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa are very proud to present a selection of the finest quality "Premier Grand Crus Classes" or "First Great Growths" from Bordeaux in France. These wines have been expertly cellared to retain and enhance all the great characteristics that wines from this esteemed region in France produces. Luvo Ntezo, our Sommelier is available to assist with any recommendations or questions you might have.

Château Margaux

Margaux

Château Margaux has a reputation dating back to the 15th Century. The vineyard of Château Margaux covers approximately 100 hectares and produce grape varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc.

1975	R 7, 500.00
1983	R68, 000.00
1985	R 35, 000.00
1986	R 37, 000.00
1989	R32, 000.00
1990	R42, 000.00

Château Lafite-Rothschild

Pauillac

Château Lafite-Rothschild are the highest vineyards in the Pauillac region covering an area of just under 90 hectares. Owned by the Rothschild family since 1868, these wines develop great elegance with age.

1966	R 5, 800.00
1971	R 5, 000.00
1975	R10, 000.00
1982	R52, 000.00
1985	R 8, 200.00
1986	R60, 000.00

Château Cheval Blanc

St Emilion

Château Cheval Blanc began winning wine awards as early as 1862 and these achievements are reflected on their labelling today. This Château occupies a unique position in St Emilion producing wines of the finest quality.

1979	R10, 500.00
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Château Brane-Cantonac

Margaux

Château Brane-Cantonac in the Margaux appellation covers an area of 90 hectares in several different plots. The vines are harvested by hand; the fruit is cold soaked and fermented in a variety of vessels. The wine has a very deep colour and a rich nose.

1989	R8, 200.00
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Sommelier Wine Flights

Please join me in a flight to sample and compare some of South Africa's best wines. A Flight of Wine is the perfect opportunity to compare, contrast and discover new favourites! Explore the world of South African Wines from your table with 50ml each of three similar styles of wine side by side. Enjoy a flight as an aperitif or discover how each wine pairs with your meal. Prepare to take flight!

Indomitable Trio

R50

Three of South Africa's super stars, a stunner from Stellenbosch the refreshing and iconic bubbly, Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel, followed by Franschoek's Dieu Donne Chardonnay and a bold Anura Cabernet Sauvignon reserve from Paarl.

Star Wars

R45

Sauvignon Blanc South Africa's sweetheart wine varietal, produced in almost every wine region. Here we offer you a lateral tasting of wines from three different wine regions with the "typical" characteristic you can expect. Then you can be the judge. Anura from Paarl, Bouchard Finlayson from Walker Bay and Steenberg from Constantia.

The Azure Flight

R45

A popular flight amongst our dinners here we bring you a stunning dry Grangehurst Rose, a beautiful Pecan Stream Chenin Blanc and a fuller Stony Brook Semillion.

Big and Bold

R60

The three musketeers of slightly youthful, yet approachable full bodied reds all with great aging potential, Graham Beck Cabernet Sauvignon from Franschoek, Steenberg Merlot from Constantia and Zorgvliet Shiraz from Stellenbosch.

Wine of the Month

R85

Every month I have selected the best wines we have tasted during the month. This is one of my favourite flights and will be glad to share it with you.

Sommelier's Flight

R135

A selection of my favourite wines that will leave you satisfied that South African Wines are world class!

"The discovery of a wine is of greater moment than the discovery of a constellation.
The universe is too full of stars."
~ Benjamin Franklin ~

Sommelier's Selection

This selection has been chosen based not only on value but distinction in taste and rarity.

WHITE WINE

Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer 2009 Walker Bay R180

"This has citrusy, lively, fleshy yet zippy fruit. Great with seafood, especially for those bored with mono-varietal whites." Quoted by Steven Spurrier of Decanter wine magazine and voted best New World White wine by Decanter magazine

Elgin Vintners Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Elgin R190

This is vibrant and fresh, displaying layers of tropical fruit, green peppers and asparagus. Nuances of gooseberry and green fig follow through onto the palate and compliment the underlying grassy backbone which lingers in the mouth.

Hamilton Russell Chardonnay 2009 Walker Bay R655

Long been considered a master white of South Africa. From the tiny district of Walker Bay, comes Hamilton Russell Vineyard, a district's first when Tim Hamilton-Russell decided tame the district's virgin soil to make wines. It may have cost him a fortune then, but today under the ownership of his son Anthony, the wines are being enjoyed and praised all over the world. A tight mineral wine with classic Hamilton Russell Vineyards length and complexity. A prominent core of intense pear fruit aromas and flavors is brought beautifully into focus by a tight line of natural acid and a dry minerality. An elegant, yet textured and intense wine with a strong personality of both place and vintage.

Jean Daneel Signature Chenin Blanc 2008 Napier R270

From the hidden valleys of Napier comes a dedicated yet modest Jean Daneel. This is one man who once told me that to make a good Chenin you must be able to dance to the tune of ripening vines. No-wonder this wine on previous vintage, was the undisputedly awarded the John Platter Wine of the Year. The style is consistent with the fruit being the center focus then the wood. The nose is smokey, with sherbet and mandarin showing beautifully. The palate is full bodied with an elegant smooth finish.

Ken Forrester FMC Chenin Blanc 2008 Stellenbosch R735

Praise the Lord South Africa has unleashed another gem, this time better than the world admired Cullinan Diamond locked at the tower of London, which I was only able to see, never touch. Ken Forrester has become the principle authority in the Chenin world. One of the most harmonious wines I have ever tasted. A perfectly balanced wine to please even the most critical palate. Whiffs of ginger, honeycomb and complex layers of nuts.

Nitida Semillon 2008 Durbanville R215

Talk of husband and wife Winemakers Bernhard Veller and his wife Peta are darlings of Durbanville. A family oriented estate is a popular spot for a very young crowd. Their Semillon is one of the most consistent in terms of fruit and structure, freshly cut grass with pineapples and litchi flavours soften on the palate by lovely minerality.

Steenberg Magna Carta 2007 Constantia R995

An iconic wine from an iconic estate by and iconic wine makers John Loubser. This estate was the very first land Governor Simon van der Stel ever granted to a female owner, Catherina Ras in 1652. This Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon blend showcases the farms identity with the wine maker perfectly blending hand in hand. Harmoniously with canned peas, green pepper and lively tropical fruit while the palate has that pear and peach flavours.

"This wine is too good for toast-drinking, my dear.
You don't want to mix emotions up with a wine like that. You lose the taste."
~ Ernest Hemingway ~

RED WINE

- Anura Grenache Signature** 2007 **Paarl** R325
Grenache is one of the worlds most widely planted grape varieties, a very popular grape in Riojas. This one has a very beautiful, slightly rustic, light plum colour, lots of read berries and herbaceous undertones. Matured for 15 months, which is enough of a statement that you should not let the colour deceive you. There are plenty of full flavours behind that rather light appearance. The palate all begins with a gracious swish of cherries, blue berries, ripe fruit flavours spread across the palate followed by a smooth English toffee and mint finish
- Bouchard Finlayson Tête de Cuvee** 2001 **Walker Bay** R950
Hose me down with this Holy Wine if I get too hot. This wine is everything I love about my job. It colourises my life. This Pinot Noir shows everything that a good Pinot Noir should be and more. Elegant and balanced, fruit, wood, acid and alcohol all combined to make one unified wine made only in outstanding years from best performing barrels. A cream of the crop and a holy grail of wine.
- Kanonkop Pinotage** 2007 **Stellenbosch** R635
The master pinotage...the uber star. South Africa's most talked about wine from a beautiful estate situated on the R44. This is what pinotage should be about. All the famous varietal characteristics are here. Majestic flavours of raspberries, black cherries and hints of dried banana.
- Pax Verbatim Blazing Hill Syrah** 2006 **Stellenbosch** R335
I've always known Englishmen never to give up on their dreams, no matter how big or high they are. Richard Hilton is no different. Having recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro successfully, he has succeeded already into making a daring wine. The last time we spoke he told me; that too soon an Englishmen will win Wimbledon. Well, I remember Fred Perry from history journal. This wine will surely give you hope. Bright crimson and ruby colour, this wine offers subtle and perfumed aromas of coffee, mocha and spice. On the palate, an exquisitely balanced, soft and silky texture belies a wine with deceiving yet tremendous depth. Structured, yet deliciously smooth, the senses are treated to flavours reminiscent of black berries, loganberries, and wild plum.
- Thelema "The Mint"** 2007 **Stellenbosch** R600
The estate is situated on the prime high spot in Stellenbosch. Son Thomas has joined his father Gyles and the team with as much enthusiasm and zeal as his father could have ever hoped for. A team also committed the environment with all the winery waste being composted and mulched and put back into the estate. Complex and stylish, with bags of ripe black current and coffee flavours. This wine is bone dry yet exhibits a lovely sweet fruit on the palate. The finish is long and firm.
- Veenwouden Merlot** 2006 **Paarl** R550
This is the legacy, left behind by one of South Africa's most polished Opera singers, the late Dion van der Walt. I have tasted some of the best Merlots aboard and never have I tasted such a remarkable wine, made outside its Bordeaux home. This I call a show stopper. Concentrated flavours of black and red cherries, with cinnamon and mint showing on the back palate, a very fine wine that will remain in your mind forever.
- Vilafonté Series C** 2005 **Paarl** R865
A fruitfully joint venture between Carlifonian Zelma Long and Mike Ratcliffe of Warwick saw the birth of this fast becoming famous wine. The only wine I know, from this country to ever have been served at the US White House. Cabernet dominant (Sauvignon and Franc), with Merlot, tight structure with sweet and sensuous black fruits and flavours of chocolate, firm tannins and a long finish.
- Waterford "The Jem"** 2005 **Stellenbosch** R1650
The Jem is named after proprietor Jeremy Ord by a much loved Kevin Arnold at the Stunning estate in Blaauwklippen Road. This is a very big blend, a blend that took over eight years of experimentation before being released, portraying a sense of seriousness toward wine making, which the Waterford team has become renowned for. Bold lead pencil and cassis notes backed by Cedar & spice aromas. Typical Bordeaux structure, fine grained, well integrated tannins, soft and elegant. A long, refreshing and elegant finish which is classically dry. A great vintage.



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Our proud association with this estate has allowed us to offer to you some of the finest wines in the Southern Hemisphere. Multi award winning wine maker Peter Finlayson brings to you Burgundian-inspired Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. These sought after wines promise a style of elegance and flavour that will certainly surprise and delight.

WHITE WINE

Blanc de Mer (Voted best New World White wine by Steven Spurrier, Decanter Wine Magazine)	2009	R180
Sauvignon Blanc	2009	R205
Sauvignon Blanc Reserve	2009	R255
Sans Barrique Chardonnay	2008	R245
Kaaimansgat Chardonnay	2008	R265
“Limited Edition” Kaaimansgat Chardonnay	2009	R385
Missionvale Chardonnay	2008	R335

RED WINE

Hannibal	2006	R450
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir	1993	R350
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir	1997	R750
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir	1999	R690
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir	2006	R495
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir (Received the Decanter South African Pinot Noir Trophy 2009)	2008	R650
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 1.5L	2001	R1200
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 1.5L	2006	R950
Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 3L	2004	R2250
CWG Pinot Noir	2007	R2400
CWG Pinot Noir 1.5L	2007	R6200
Tête de Cuvée Pinot Noir	2001	R950
Tête de Cuvée Pinot Noir	2007	R1455

I will gladly brief you on the individual characteristics.

Wines by the glass

CHAMPAGNE		
Guy Cadel Brut Champagne	NV	R135
SPARKLING WINE/MCC		
Nederburg Cuvée Brut	NV	R40
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel MCC	2007	R60
Pierre Jourdan Belle Rose MCC	NV	R80
SAUVIGNON BLANC		
Bouchard Finlayson	2009	R60
Anura	2009	R35
Zoetendal	2006	R30
CHARDONNAY		
Backsberg	2008	R45
Dalla Cia	2009	R50
Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat	2008	R70
CHENIN BLANC		
Pecan Stream	2008	R40
BLENDED WHITE WINE		
Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer	2009	R50
OFF DRY		
Buitenverwachting Rhine Riesling	2008	R40
SEMI SWEET		
Du Toitskloof Beaukett	2009	R30
ROSÉ		
Grangehurst Cape Rosé Blend	2008	R35
CABERNET SAUVIGNON		
Graham Beck	2007	R65
MERLOT		
Groote Post	2008	R60
PINOT NOIR		
Fryers Cove	2008	R65
PINOTAGE		
Simonsig	2007	R50
MALBEC		
Bellevue Morkel	2007	R60
SHIRAZ		
Porcupine Ridge	2009	R45



Laurent Perrier Brut <i>750ml</i>	NV	R1150
Laurent Perrier Brut Rose <i>750ml</i>	NV	R1800
Laurent Perrier Grand Siècle La Cuvée <i>750ml</i>	NV	R3200
Laurent Perrier Brut Milliseme <i>750ml</i>	1990	R1650
Laurent Perrier Ultra Brut <i>750ml</i>	NV	R1350
Laurent Perrier Methuselah <i>6L</i>	NV	R5400
Laurent Perrier Brut <i>750ml</i>	1993	R1400
Laurent-Perrier Alexandra Rosé <i>750ml</i>	1998	R7200

Founded in 1812, Laurent-Perrier has been avant-garde in creating unique and elegant Champagnes for nearly two hundred years making it one of the world's most esteemed Champagne brands, and also the largest family-owned brand.

Champagne

- Armand de Brignac Blanc de Blancs** NV R11500
Beautiful pale-gold Chardonnay Champagne produced in the traditional, old-world style, from grape to glass. The bouquet is light and clear, with youthful fruit notes and floral accents. It has a remarkably delicate and pure structure, with a bright, clear onset and long, lingering finish. Overtly dry and crisp, with fine accents and aromas of vanilla, citrus fruits and dried apricots. A genuine expression of the soul of the Chardonnay fruit and a true experience of luxury.
- Armand de Brignac Brut Gold** NV R9500
Marvelously complex and full-bodied, its bouquet is both fresh and lively, with light floral notes. On the palate, Armand de Brignac has a sumptuous, racy fruit character that is perfectly integrated with the wine's subtle brioche accents. The Champagne's texture is deliciously creamy, with great depth paired with a long, silky finish.
Rated the #1 Champagne in the world by the most respected wine critics and sommeliers from around the globe.
- Armand de Brignac Rosé** NV R10500
A dominance of Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, which gives a fruitiness and roundness to the wine. The color is more like a peach than a rosé, with the nose revealing a whole bouquet of aromas including red apples and berries, peach and vanilla. This Champagne is fresh and full-bodied on the palate with Armand de Brignac's characteristic long, silky finish.
- Bernard Girardin** NV R850
This Champagne is a blend of 60% Chardonnay, 30% Meunier and 10% Pinot Noir. It charms the palate with its lightness and finesse; its subtle fruit brings a pleasing softness and style.
- Bollinger Special Cuvée** NV R1250
A big champagne that is rich and yeasty. The unique yeasty nose comes from extra ageing time on the lees. It has a great depth...James Bond deserved it and so do you.
- Dom Pérignon Brut** 2000 R3200
Initial notes of fresh almonds and grapefruit gradually lead into cashew nuts and spices complemented by lightly toasted brioche. On the palate the persistence is remarkable with just the slighted undertone of citrus zest.
- Dom Pérignon Rosé** 1998 R8200
The 1996 vintage has all the inimitable traits of Dom Pérignon Rosé. It has the light artiness, vivacity and vibrancy of the Pinot Noir grape while still maintaining the balance between Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier that is unique to their consistent style.
- Guy Cadel Brut** NV R555
Specially labeled under The Twelve Apostle Hotel logo, this excellent French Champagne is wonderfully fruity with a clean crisp and dry finish.
- Krug Grande Cuvée** NV R3500
The bouquet is wonderfully creamy, leading to magical combination of weight and balance on the palate. The long, lingering finish is both nutty and toasty, ending with a final flourish of freshness leaving one longing for more.
- Louis Roederer Brut** NV R1250
Light golden colour it boasts a smooth full mouth. This elegant champagne is a delicate balance of fruit and acidity, an outstanding example of this great house.
- Möet et Chandon Brut Impérial** NV R895
Brut Impérial is a balanced assemblage of the three vine varieties in Champagne. A gentle silkiness and finesse inspired by excellent fruitiness.
- Möet et Chandon Brut Impérial 1.5L** NV R1750

- Möet et Chandon Vintage** 2000 R1600
 Deep, rich Champagne, featuring toast, malt, apple and graphite aromas and flavors. This is full of mineral on the palate, with a lingering, savory finish. This Champagne is composed of 50% Chardonnay, 34% Pinot Noir and 16% Meunier sourced from a combination of the largest estate in Champagne and purchased fruit. In the glass this Champagne has a pretty green-gold color and a toasty white bread nose with a subtle touch of litchi fruit. On the palate it is flavory and assertive.
- Möet et Chandon Nectar Impérial** NV R1150
 The Demi Sec of the Möet range, the assemblage is built around the structure of the Pinot Noir: supple and smooth. Nectar Impérial is both a refined and sophisticated wine whose richness turns into sensuality.
- Möet et Chandon Rosé Impérial** NV R1250
 All the dedication to wine making the House of Möet et Chandon are renowned for all wrapped up in Pink...what could be nicer? Rosé Impérial is a champagne with finesse and elegance to be drunk with any special occasion or just with friends.
- Ruinart Blanc de Blancs** NV R1750
 An intense first nose with notes of fresh citrus fruit, mainly lime. A very fine and flowery second nose. Taste very supple, round and harmonious palate. Good vinosity. Notes of nectarine, apricot and cherry-plum.
- Ruinart Brut** NV R1250
 A very delicate, fresh, and fruity nose, showing notes of white fruits mainly pear. Beautiful intensity. Taste harmonious, vivacious and lively wine. Well-balanced, Full, with aromas of ripe fruits. A pleasant, lengthy finish.
- Taittinger Brut Vintage** 2004 R1650
 Taittinger only makes a vintage when the harvest is of exceptional quality. A pale and radiant yellow colour with delicate bubbles that form dense foam. The nose, yeasty bread aromas which gives way to a fine, sweet fruitiness of lemon, mandarin and a flowery touch of acasia honey emerge. At first sip, the impression on the palate is a fruity attack which is sublimely fresh and rich. The mid palate is well balanced, structured and smooth, releasing flavours of sugar red pink grapefruit. The exceptional intensity of the finish is long, generous, complex and silky.
- Veuve Clicquout Yellow Label** NV R1150
 It has a fine persistent sparkle and golden Champagne colour. Its complex nose of apple, citrus and caramel is followed by full flavours with elegance, crispness and a slightly spicy finish.
- Veuve Clicquout Rosé** NV R1650
 As bold a wine as Mme Clicquout's spirit itself, earthy, nutty aromas of apple cider, lemon drop, brioche, clove and coffee bean. Fresh, toasty flavors of lemon curd and a dose of minerals for balance.
- Veuve Clicquout la Grande Dame** 1998 R4200
 The contrast of depth and brightness, or intensity and weightlessness creates a sense of harmonic resonance in this wine. All the aromatics are potent, from the scent of rising bread dough to the red skin of an apple, all the corresponding flavors rich yet refreshing. The firmness of the acidity seems to add briskness to the mousse, leaving a clean, chiseled impression of the chalk soils in which this grew.

"I only drink champagne when I'm happy, and when I'm sad.
 Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory.
 I trifle with it if I am not hungry and drink it when I am.
 Otherwise I never touch it - unless I'm thirsty".
 ~ Lily Bollinger~

Methodé Cap Classique

When the French decided that we should not use the name Champagne we agreed with them because ours is even better, refreshing, charming and affordable and even excusive as no producer here produces millions to support the whole globe with 50 winemakers. In South Africa is it one

Graham Beck Brut NV **Robertson** R250

When you talk South African bubbliies, Peter Ferreira is the center of that conversation. A specialist and well respected individual who is so inspirational into pushing all limits about the quality of MCC's. This is a blend of Chardonnay and Pinot noir. Prominent yeast flavours rounded off by subtle biscuit and green apple tones.

Môreson Solitaire NV **Franschhoek** R235

Owner Richard Friedman is a man with a vision and winemaker Clayton Reabow is the man to implement that vision. With Chardonnay being both of their first loves, a very fresh, crisp wine with layers of lovely pear and orange zest. The chardonnay gives this wine a unique grapefruit character while Chenin adds an elegant green apples and guava character.

Pierre Jourdan Belle Rosé NV **Franschhoek** R310

Winemaker Achim van Arruim is a man of charisma and talent. Well known throughout the Cape for sabrage – a very old French tradition of opening a sparkling wine with a saber. This is a kind of bubbly that is known to tease and satisfy all palates. 100% Pinot with red onion skin colour, raspberry and cranberry flavors with soft acidity, making it a good accompaniment to dishes, most especially our chefs crisp ,oven roasted duck.

Pongrácz NV **Robertson** R225

Named after a very well known Hungarian viticulturist Desiderius Pongrácz, the late chief advisor to Distell. Pongrácz is a bubbly that never disappoints. Baked apple spiced with a shot of lime and the mousse to match.

Pongrácz Rosé NV **Robertson** R275

Recently added to the Pongrácz family a delightful rose, and summer would not be summer with out a little tippie of Pink bubbles. Composed of the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, this enticing brut rosé has wonderful black berry fruit flavours and delicate yeasty tones that linger long on the palate.

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2008 **Stellenbosch** R230

The house of innovations. The Malan brothers have never been shy to try something new, a point proven successfully in this lovely brut. Simonsig Brut is the very first MCC ever produced in South Africa, and one of very few where the vintage is specific. Vibrant mousse and zesty acidity balanced with apple pie and biscuit characters.

Waterford Brut 2000 **Stellenbosch** R795

Kevin Arnolds one off attempt as a tribute to the millennium and what a tribute it turned out to be, the rarest and most exclusive of South African bubbliies. The wine has a rich mousse and multi-layered flavours ranging from peach and apricot to dried fruits as a result of great development.

Sparkling Wines

Du Toitskloof Brut NV **Rawsonville** R130

Very easy drinking fruity bubbly

Nederburg Cuvée Brut NV **Paarl** R140

Crisp, dry and refreshing.

Swartland Sparkling White NV **Swartland** R75

Non-alcoholic sparkling grape juice.

“Come quickly, I am drinking the stars!”
- Dom Pérignon~
- on his first sip of Champagne

Chardonnay

A wine with a divided following globally. You either love it or you hate it. Even those that love it are divided by the use of oak or no oak. When the wood is not used, you will be thrilled by its true varietal characteristics of citrus fruit ranging from limes, lemons, mandarins, grapefruit and minerality. Where as the wooded versions can be creamy, bold with hints of toast and spice, even vanilla can be found in those where American oak had been used. Before disliking chardonnay please consider the fact that it is the grape behind the world famous champagnes and Methode cap Classique bubbles that we all so dearly love.

UNWOODED CHARDONNAY

Bouchard Finlayson Sans Barrique 2009 **Walker Bay** R245
Unoaked, fresh, refreshing lime and lemony palate with soft acid and fine fruit structure.

Constantia Uitsig 2009 **Constantia** R185
An un-wooded Chardonnay showing lime and grapefruit characteristics on the nose which follows through to the palate.

Dieu Donn  2009 **Franschhoek** R125
Soft and rounded with lemony undertones from the fruit and a creaminess from the lees contact.

Doolhof 2008 **Wellington** R135
Notes of pear and passion fruit on the nose, with lovely peach flavors on the palate. Well rounded with a limey sweet-fruit finish.

WOODED CHARDONNAY

Ataraxia 2008 **Walker Bay** R450
If any wine has a personality, this wine has its wine makers Kevin Grant's personality, a man who spent a decade at world famous Hamilton Russell before venturing on this very successful brand. Some accolades include Best new world white wine, a tri-nation champion and a 5* rating from the Platters Guide. Citrus palate, well rounded mouthfeel with a hint of wood to enhance the flavour.

Backsberg 2008 **Paarl** R160
Apricots, almonds and cream combine in a profusion of intense aromas, these characters, balanced by fresh acidity, complete a palate that is long and powerful.

Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat 2008 **Walker Bay** R265
Great vintage where clean fruit offers a tight but full flavoured peachy wine which elicits a hint of oak, vanilla and green apple.

Bouchard Finlayson Limited Edition Kaaimansgat 2009 **Walker Bay** R345
A Limited Edition wine is about moving away from standardisation. This Chardonnay is an unusual tweak where the blend functions through marrying two opposite styles of wine. Elegantly tight, fresh lively citric nose, rich, juicy, concentrated, underlining mineralogy, persistent, classic style with considerable elegance.

Bouchard Finlayson Missionvale 2008 **Walker Bay** R335
This vintage is characterised by elaborate flavours of under exposed wood tones with over layers of pure vanilla, pear, mango and yeasty lees. "Boutique" barrel makers Tonnellerie Mayrieux of Nuits St. George have provided added security in supporting with only the finest hand crafted Burgundian barrels.

Dalla Cia 2009 **Stellenbosch** R175
A delicious barley wooded chardonnay with a crisp and fragrant bouquet of lemon-blossom and dry figs that would accentuate any white meat, fish or mushroom dish.

Glen Carlou 2008 **Paarl** R230
Every father is a hero to his son, a phrase that comes into my mind every time I think of this stunning wine. Glen Carlou was first started by David Finlayson before his son joined him on one of South Africa's most quality consistent wine estate and impress the worlds most influential palates, including mine today, the vineyard estate is owned by the equally famous Hess family of the America's most loved Hess Collection vineyards. Excellently wooded, with outstanding flavours of vanilla, butterscotch and marmalade. A beautiful finish that will create a wonderful marriage with our oven roasted line fish.

Hamilton Russell Chardonnay 2009 **Walker Bay** R655
Long been considered a master white of South Africa. From the tiny district of walker bay, comes Hamilton Russell Vineyard, a district's first when Tim Hamilton-Russell decided tame the district's virgin soil to make wines. Today under the ownership of his son Anthony, the wines are being enjoyed and praised all over the world. A tight mineral wine with classic Hamilton Russell Vineyards length and complexity. A prominent core of intense pear fruit aromas and flavors is brought beautifully into focus by a tight line of natural acid and a dry minerality. An elegant, yet textured and intense wine with a strong personality of both place and vintage.

Meerlust 2008 **Stellenbosch** R410
Very youthful, vivid and with brilliant bright platinum colour and pronounced green hue. Complex nose with citrus fruit, green apple and cream flavours, the nose becomes creamy and nutty with delicious bouquet of marzipan, halva and oatmeal. On the palate it's full bodied and generous, but still balanced by crispy acidity. The wine has a long, very pleasant lingering finish indicating the richness and persistence of the vintage.

Sterhuis 2007 **Stellenbosch** R225
Dense straw colour with a green tinge. Very complex and concentrated with layers of minerality, citrus, honey, tropical fruit, spices and crème brûlée. The flavour spectrum repeats in the mouth with power and elegance.

Thandi 2007 **Elgin** R135
The wine is concentrated with well balanced fruit and oak showing aromas of citrus and orange blossom on the nose and hints of vanilla on the palate.

Vergelegen 2008 **Somerset West** R245
Pale green-gold colour with intensity-focused flavours showing notes of citrus, biscuits, toast and ripe fruits. The taste is long and elegant with excellent fruit and wood integration.

"It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one's present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason."

~Latin saying~

Sauvignon Blanc

A very popular wine in South Africa, loved for its crisp refreshing acidity, making a wine for all occasion. This noble varietal is well adapted to the South African climate. Style varies from region to region with different temperatures.

Examples from coastal regions like Walker Bay and Constantia will showcase vegetal characteristic like asparagus to grassiness and more lively acidity while moderate climates like Stellenbosch will have a stony minerality and balance in it tropical fruit and acidity. Warmer regions like Paarl and Wellington are known for their over ride fruit of guavas and ripe gooseberries.

Anura 2010 **Paarl** R130

French style Sauvignon Blanc with mineral, grassy, green fig tones combined with pineapple, lemon, granadilla and grapefruit flavours. This wine has a well- balanced acidity which is supported by crisp, refreshing palate.

Bouchard Finlayson 2009 **Walker Bay** R205

Firm and full on the palate with strong fruit melange, dominant in guava, pear, blueberry and citrus. Long and confirmed finish with every hint of spice making it ideal for early drinking.

Bouchard Finlayson Reserve 2009 **Walker Bay** R255

The Sauvignon Blanc grape gets its name from the French savage ("wild") but fortunately this cuvee is more aptly described as strikingly elegant with a flinty nose where the palate is crisp and clean with a bright lingering finish.

Elgin Vintners 2009 **Elgin** R190

This is vibrant and fresh, displaying layers of tropical fruit, green peppers and asparagus. Nuances of gooseberry and green fig follow through onto the palate and compliment the underlying grassy backbone which lingers in the mouth.

Iona 2009 **Elgin** R265

Strong mineral aromas with undertones of gooseberry, mango, quince and lime zest. A spicy entry with a rich fruit driven mid-palate and a long, fresh grapefruit finish.

Jordan Barrel Fermented 2008 **Stellenbosch** R210

Gary and Kathy Jordan are a very hands on couple with many talents, amongst other things lecturing about wine and running a stunning High Timber restaurant on the banks of river Thames in London. There's always something exciting about wooden Sauvignon Blanc, this is no different. Creamy, complex and fuller with toasted fruit while having that typical freshness associated with Sauvignon Blanc.

Nautilus 2007 **New Zealand-Marlborough** R425

You need not travel the world to know what is trendy on the other side of the ocean. New Zealand is perhaps one of the undisputable areas of Sauvignon Blancs. Winemaker Clive Jones is an academic who studied well about wine science in South Islands Marlborough. Pale straw with green tinges of colour a lifted aroma of gooseberry, black-current bud and passion fruit skin. The palate introduces tropical fruit flavours with a hint of red capsicum. The wine has a rich mid palate with good texture and a typical zingy finish.

Saxenburg 2009 **Stellenbosch** R180

The Bühler family have built one of the most exciting estates I have ever seen. Winemaker Nico van der Merwe has been there for twenty years. A man who knows everything about the soil, he probably speaks to it. He created a stunning Sauvignon Blanc. Pale straw with an amazing complex nose of tropical yellow fruits, and soft green vegetal nose. The palate is sensational with guava and asparagus taking on extra length of pure satisfaction. One of the most memorable Sauvignon Blanc's I have ever tried

Signatures of Doolhof 2009 **Wellington** R135

A lovely Sauvignon bursting with ripe tropical flavors, and an enticing, complex bouquet of capsicum and green fig. Gooseberry and passion fruit flavors introduce a perfectly tapered tail.

Springfield "Life from a Stone" 2009 **Robertson** R230

This single vineyard originates from the rockiest soil on the estate, with resultant struggling vines and huge concentration. Brilliant greenish in appearance, this is a dramatic wine full of red peppers and passion fruit. It will mature to perfection into flavours and flint.

Steenberg 2009 **Constantia** R230

From the Old World comes this typical grassiness and gooseberry overtones and from the New World a gentle scent of tropical fruit. This Sauvignon Blanc reflects the fresh, flinty and full bodied characteristics of grass, peppers and fruit.

Riesling

Considered one of the 'noble' grape varieties for wine making. Grown widely in Alsace and on the banks of the Rhine, is uncommon in Cape wine lands. It can produce wines of high acidity and elegance in very cool growing conditions. Its wines usually show fresh fruit flavors and a zesty character. Riesling has the ability to produce wines that run the gamut from bone dry to very sweet but are usually made in dry or semi dry styles. It has perfumed aromas with peach and honeysuckle notes and can develop a 'petrol' nose as it ages

Buitenverwachting 2008 **Constantia** R145
This wine is attractively aromatic with green apple and peach; balanced but a bit rustic in youth with a vibrant acidity.

Thelema 2008 **Stellenbosch** R165
Gylles Webb diverted from numbers to winemaking, a former chartered accountant turned to wine making and created one of the most loved brands in South Africa. Riesling is one of the world's most underrated wines. Thelema is situated on the highest slopes of Stellenbosch, resulting in slow ripening delicate fruit. This Riesling has flavours of blossom and lime fruit it has a lovely, crisp acidity and sugar levels, making a wine that will develop over the next 10 to 15 years.

Viognier

Domaine Grier Maccabeu 2006 **France Rousillon** R190
It is beautifully perfumed with obvious floral notes combined with dried apricot and an underlying minerality. On the palate, it is structured and lively with a broad finish.

Pax Verbatim Rockwater Fountain 2008 **Stellenbosch** R250
Winemaker Richard Hilton is one man who loves being higher than the rest, recently he successfully climbed the highest peak in Africa, Kilimanjaro, raising funds for his wine educational initiative called Pebble. This Viognier's standard is as high as the peak that he has just conquered. Bustling with fresh peach fruit and lovely floralness while minerality gives it that extra edge.

The Foundry 2007 **Stellenbosch** R225
Chris Williams, after 14 years at Meerlust, has his very own label. Chris focuses exclusively on Shiraz and Viognier and this focus is evident in the quality and detail present in the wines. The Foundry Viognier is a fresh, fragrant example of this highly aromatic grape, fermented in Meerlust Chardonnay barrels, for added breadth of flavour.

Other White Wine Varietals

Hugel Pinot Gris 2003 **France-Alsace** R560
Straw gold in colour, with quite a few flashes of green, it shows good depth and intensity. The bouquet is soft, supple and gently fruit driven, still rather closed but it should reveal more complexity over the next 12-18 months. A classic dry Pinot Gris, it opens on the palate with a fine ripe acidity that is essential to balance the rich, ripe mouth filling structure and so ensure perfect harmony.

Bovlei Beukett 2009 **Wellington** R90
Veteran wine maker Jacques Theron is a man who loves getting his hands dirty in order to produce clean and fresh results. He is past of dedicated strong team from the beautiful area of Wellington. This wine is off dry with a satisfying juicy fruit and an extra dash of sweetness. Very gentle light and a very popular summer wine to be enjoyed slightly spicy cuisine

Zevenwacht Gewürztraminer 2008 **Stellenbosch** R235
Deep golden lime in colour. A sumptuously fragrant wine that explodes with litchi and rosewater, complemented by nuances of oriental spice. Alluring flavours of Turkish delight and luscious litchi. A wine with a beautiful mouthfeel, seductive mid-palate and a lingering finish.

"Burgundy makes you think of silly things, Bordeaux makes you talk of them and Champagne makes you do them."
~ Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin ~

Blended White Wines

Bizoe Henrietta 2008 Stellenbosch R365

A wow factor when I first tasted this wine with an unknown winemaker Rikus Neethling I told him this was one 'heaven' of a wine. No one knew of this wine, or the wine maker before. Today it needs no praise and Rikus needs no introduction. The wine is beautifully decorated with global awards. This gently made blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, with a sensational nose, green and yellow fruits of Sauvignon Blanc integrated well with creamy and waxy, delicious structure of Semillon while the wood gives it an extraordinary touch of spice and vanilla. Rikus with his Bizoe have arrived. Get used to them.

Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer 2009 Walker Bay R180

"This has citrusy, lively, fleshy yet zippy fruit. Great with seafood, especially for those bored with mono-varietal whites."

Quoted by Steven Spurrier of Decanter wine magazine and voted best New World White wine by Decanter magazine.

Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc 2009 Constantia R125

If you thinking about a wine maker that knows how to make wine for the whole country to love and trust, you would be thinking Hermann Kirschbaum. Buitenverwachting is one of the oldest estates in South Africa and this wine is one known by most South Africans, the Sauvignon Chenin blend with delicate green pepper, asparagus and pear are the consistent characteristics which this wine has become famous for.

Constantia Uitsig Constantia 2008 Constantia R245

Cellar Master John Loubser is one of the finest specialists in Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. This is a very sophisticated blend with Semillon spending seven months in barrel giving it a fuller depth in aroma and flavour while Sauvignon Blanc gives it delicate fresh structure.

Dornier Donatus White 2008 Stellenbosch R270

This wine combines the richness and fullness of Semillon with the freshness and complexity of Chenin Blanc. Notes of white pear and cumquat, complemented by nuances of citrus and honey add to the complexity, ending with an elegant and silky finish.

Steenberg Magna Carta 2007 Constantia R995

An iconic wine, from an iconic estate by and iconic wine makers John Loubser. This estate was the very first land governor Simon van der Stel ever granted to a female owner, Catherina Ras in 1652. This Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon blend showcases the farms identity with the wine maker perfectly blending hand in hand. Harmoniously with canned peas, green pepper and lively tropical fruit while the palate has that pear and peach flavours.

Rosé

Gone are those days when roses used to be sweet style wines made from bulk bought unwanted grapes. Welcome to the new century. Rose wines are delicate wines of a beautiful rustic colour made from selected vines by committed winemakers. Most of my friends used to call me cheap when I ordered a rose, I then made it a task to introduce them to this underrated wine style. Be it with food or on its own 'a little pink' gives a unique red berry flavour and lively acidity.

Don't be shy, try one you won't be disappointed.

Delheim Pinotage Rosé 2009 Stellenbosch R95

Radiant hues of pink with layers of raspberry and watermelon aromas. The wine is medium dry, crisp with a refreshing finish.

Grangehurst Cape Rosé Blend 2008 Stellenbosch R120

A dry rosé blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Merlot, Chenin Blanc and Shiraz. Bright, dark pink colour, slightly sweet red berry nose with some complexity from the partial barrel maturation. Refreshing, dry, easy drinking wine with some tannin to reflect a slight red wine character.

Nederburg Foundation 2009 Paarl R90

South Africa's most romantic wine is also amongst the most versatile. An easy-drinking, fruity quaffing wine made from a blend of Pinotage, Cinsaut and Shiraz, its bouquet says strawberry.

Waterford Rose-Mary 2009 Stellenbosch R165

Pale coral pink complexion, bright and clear. Spicy notes complimented by crispy, fresh watermelon notes. Very low alcohol and taut acidity makes this a perfect lunchtime wine.

Cabernet Sauvignon

A global icon, famously known to outlive its own maker. One of my favourites, a variety of sophistication. When people ask me to describe it, I always say, think of a man drinking cognac, sitting on a leather couch holding a cigar. Such is its status. Its varietal characteristics range from black current, cassis, tobacco leaf and cigar box. Some also show hints of mint and eucalyptus develops very well with age. I have been privileged to taste local examples stretching over 5 decades and yet drinking superbly. We have a few bottles hidden in our deepest darkest parts of the cellar and will be happy to evade those...just for you.

Alto 2007 **Stellenbosch** R335

Spicy tobacco leaf with blackcurrants, beautifully integrated tannins with a coffee finish. A full bodied wine with lots of structure to offer. A soft, fruit driven wine with a hint of cassis, vanilla and a touch of chocolate. Firm approachable tannins with a fine finish.

Anura Reserve 2006 **Paarl** R235

This is no small wine, heavily oaked for 23 months has resulted in a wine with full, full structure. Incredibly complex flavours of cassis, spice and minty flavours. A delicious wine with bolder, yet approachable tannins. If you were wondering about the name "Anura" as much as we were, owners Tymen and Jenny Bouma are big fans of amphibians, and their label is a tribute to these tailless creatures and their Simonsberg estate is home to no less than 4800 of them.

Buitenverwachting 2005 **Constantia** R250

This wine offers strong berry flavours reminiscent of blackcurrant and ripe cherries with elegant mineral and cigar-box characters.

Dornier 2006 **Stellenbosch** R210

Displaying the typical opulent fruit common to this noble variety, this wine has been carefully aged as to maintain and enhance its natural characteristics. Strong aromas of fresh cassis and red berry fruits dominate the nose accompanied by nuances of mocha and tobacco notes.

Graham Beck 2007 **Robertson** R245

Deep, ruby red in colour with chocolate and ripe berry fruit and hints of mint and cigar box notes on the nose. Full bodied with juicy mulberry and cherry flavours and spice on the palate. Soft but firm tannins with a balanced mouth feel and a long finish.

Rijk's 2004 **Tulbagh** R325

Intense dark red colour. Spicy aromas hits the nose supported by black berry and dark chocolate bouquets. Elegant! Fine tannin structure underlined with gentle oak to ensure a velvety finish.

Rust en Vrede 2006 **Stellenbosch** R395

Garnet red with a tawny rim. An array of berry flavours, ripe fruit and earth. Elegant, well balanced with a soft tannin structure and long concentrated finish.

Thelema 2006 **Stellenbosch** R550

Complex and stylish, with bags of ripe blackcurrent and coffee flavours. This wine is bone dry, yet exhibits a lovely sweet fruit character on the palate. The finish is long and firm.

Waterford 2001 **Stellenbosch** R325

Deep ruby-red, classic cabernet aromas of blackcurrant, black olive, graphite and flowers. Lush, dense and concentrated, with suave, complex, intense flavors of red berries, herbs, flowers and menthol. A fruit bomb though with a rather restrained sweetness. Finishes long, floral and ripe, and a bit youthfully tight."

"Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance."
~Benjamin Franklin~

Merlot

Always been considered as a feminine version of Cabernet Sauvignon or even ridiculed in an Oscar winning movie 'Sideways' Merlot is a polished wine for those with a distinguished taste. South Africa is home to some of the world's best producers of Merlot where winemakers opt for optimal ripeness and minimal use of new wood. Very refined on the palate with dark chocolate, blue berries and some eucalyptus. Merlot can be charming in its youth however develops very well with maturation. I firmly and strongly believe that our South African merlots can stand up against some of Boudreaux's most famous examples.

Dombeya 2006 Stellenbosch R215

Although still young with a tight tannins structure, the wine opens up with lovely red berry and ripe plum and black cherry flavours. The palate is smooth with fine tannins and lingering fruity concentrated aftertaste.

Groote Post 2009 Darling R215

Smokey gamey nose with a touch of farmyard and forest fruits. Sweet cherry on the mid palate with soft juicy tannins. Very easy drinking Merlot.

Meerlust 2006 Stellenbosch R505

Deep, youthful purple colour with a ruby rim. The nose shows juicy plum and mulberry fruit, lifted by an underlying spiciness. The palate offers generous, ripe, pure Merlot fruit with refreshing acidity, structured yet silky tannins and pronounced length and minerality.

Radford Dale 2005 Stellenbosch R315

In a land where this varietal often plays second or third fiddle, they have unashamedly made this pure Merlot in intense, deep and yet spontaneous style. Ripe, juicy blueberry flavours firmly but ripely connected in a web of subtle tannins.

Rust en Vrede 2008 Stellenbosch R355

Rich chocolate and mocha aromas combine well with darker berries and subtle hints of spice. Soft juicy tannins, backed up with hints of vanilla and blueberries.

Steenberg 2007 Constantia R300

This deep purple Merlot has incredible fruit concentration. It is multi-faceted, with violets, incense, eucalyptus and soft spearmint on the nose; black and red berry intensity on the palate, together with rich but subtle oak flavors and ripe tannins which provide this wine with a long, full finish.

Veenwouden 2006 Paarl R550

This is the legacy, left behind by one of South Africa's most polished Opera singers, the late Dion van der Walt. I have tasted some of the best Merlots aboard and never have I tasted such a remarkable wine, made outside its Bordeaux home. This I call a show stopper. Concentrated flavours of black and red cherries, with cinnamon and mint showing on the back palate, a very fine wine that will remain in your mind forever.

"We are all mortal until the first kiss and the second glass of wine."
~ Eduardo Galeano ~

Shiraz

Every time I mention Shiraz people always think spicy aggressive and big. My lesson is, don't prejudge. This wine varietal may give you a Susan Boyle moment Producing dark inky wines that are characteristically aromatic and fuse black fruits, pepper and spice, eloquently. Heavier foods such as red meats as well as roast duck will be enhanced. Venison is particularly enjoyed with Shiraz.

Hartenberg “The Stork” 2005 Stellenbosch R700

Full-bodied wine with black fruits, cherries and hints of violets. Quality oak is very much in the background and the wine has a long, lingering aftertaste. Can be drunk young but has cellaring potential.

Pax Verbatim Blazing Hill 2006 Stellenbosch R335

I've always known Englishmen never to give up on their dreams, no matter how big or high they are. Richard Hilton is no different. Having recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro successfully, he has succeeded already into making a daring wine. The last time we spoke he told me, too soon an Englishmen will win Wimbledon. Well, I remember Fred Perry from history journal. Bright crimson and ruby colour, this wine offers subtle and perfumed aromas of coffee, mocha and spice. On the palate, an exquisitely balanced, soft and silky texture belies a wine with deceiving yet tremendous depth. Structured, yet deliciously smooth, the senses are treated to flavours reminiscent of black berries, loganberries, and wild plum.

Porcupine Ridge 2009 Franschoek R155

Aromatic fynbos, spice with ripe berries fleshiness show from the deep ruby color. Although the palate is generous, an unmistakable elegance adds linearity to this wine. The tannins are integrated and accessible.

Sanctum 2005 Elgin R295

Mike Dodrovic to me is not a wine maker he is a brand. It takes years of hard work, consistency and respect to create a brand. A man of the soil, after years behind the scenes at Mulderbosch, Mike made a solo statement. After tasting this Shiraz from Elgin, my rather critical perspective changed, I was overwhelmed and amused. This is a global star in the making. A world class wine in every sense. Herbs, complex body, length, and consistency this wine has it all. Also presented 92 points by US Wine Spectator...you be the judge.

The Foundry 2005 Stellenbosch R360

Famously known for his outstanding work at Meerlust, Chris Williams has now got a “baby” of his own, and the philosophy behind Foundry wines may sound simple, yet to get the outcome that they are looking for it takes a large amount of care and dedication. “Great wines must never taste too far from their home.” A philosophy is apparent in this Syrah, which is very terroir specific wine. Delicately spicy, gamey and with lively fruit.

Thelema 2005 Stellenbosch R335

The estate is situated on the prime high spot in Stellenbosch. Son Thomas has joined his father Gyles and the team with as much enthusiasm and zeal as his father could have ever hoped for. A team also committed the environment with all the winery waste being composted and mulched and put back into the estate. Rich and robust. This exuberant wine shows ripe black fruit and spice, with lovely toasty finish. Full bodied.

Waterford Kevin Arnold 2006 Stellenbosch R375

Kevin is one man, which is hard not to adore. A very passionate, humble and modest man, a man that holds many titles with high regards. To us a great winemaker and to his daughter and wife a great dad and family man. A fact shown in every bottle he makes he dedicates to his family. This is one of the finest Shiraz we've tasted, as delightful as the man that made it. This wine will pamper your palate with juicy ripe fruit, spice, and coffee flavours it will leave you wanting just a little bit more.

Zorgvliet 2004 Stellenbosch R290

The nose shows ripe mulberry, violet and floral notes that are integrated with spice and white pepper, it follows through on the palate with refreshing acidity and mocha chocolate on the finish. This wine comes from coffee soil on the valley floor of the Banhoek Valley and is unique to its soil type and origin.

Pinot Noir

No matter how busy I am, I always have time for Pinot Noir. A delicate grape that requires a great skill. Local examples are in the same league as those from Burgundy's Cote de Nuits. Those that know me well will tell you that there is nothing I treasure more than drinking pinot noir. There's no other grape like Pinot Noir with its wonderfully heady perfumes, and thrillingly pure, sweet, red berry flavours of raspberry, loganberry, mulberry, cherry and strawberry. It takes well to French oak and in bottle, develops truffle and gamey undertones. Despite its fickle nature, it is a tribute to its desirability among consumers and producers and it has inspired growers all over Europe and the New World.

Bouchard Finlayson

Walker Bay

Galpin Peak	1993	R350
Galpin Peak	1997	R750
Galpin Peak	1999	R690
Galpin Peak 1.5L	2001	R1200
Galpin Peak	2006	R495
Galpin Peak	2008	R650
Galpin Peak 1.5L	2006	R950
Galpin Peak 3L	2004	R2250
CWG Unfiltered	2007	R2400
CWG Unfiltered 1.5L	2007	R6200
Tête de Cuvée	2007	R1455

Glen Carlou

2007 Paarl

R345

This wine has clear ruby red color with a hint of plum purple. Cured cherries and blackcurrant aromas with cinnamon spice. Medium bodied with ripe strawberry flavours. The palate is rich and juicy, with fruit and very fine oak. Tannins are in perfect harmony. Easy drinking with a good balance between wood and fruit.

Fryers Cove

2008 Bamboers Bay

R255

Bright light red with an orange brown tinge in colour. Flavours of ripe plums, cherries, herbs and vanilla spice with earthy and organic undertones on the nose. This wine has a perfect balance between fruit and tannin with nice minerality on the after-taste.

Hamilton Russell

2007 Walker Bay

R655

Winemaker Hannes Storm has won my stamp of approval with this daringly amazing wine from this stunning Walker Bay Estate of wine, olive oil and fynbos honey, regulars in my kitchen. Very Burgundian, this is a seriously crafted wine with lots of red berries, earthy minerality and mushrooms. The palate is packed with multi-layered flavours ranging from cranberries, strawberries and some chocolate flavours. The consistency of the Pinot makes it one of the best Pinot Noirs in the New World.

Meerlust

2007 Stellenbosch

R445

A typical Pinot Noir nose of ripe spring strawberry fruit, cranberry and perfumed musk. There is a hint of gaminess and wild mushrooms on the nose. Medium bodied with bright, clean fruit flavours of red berries and cherries. Vibrant fresh acidity and silky, layered tannins on the finish.

Thandi

2007 Elgin

R190

This wine shows bright cherry fruit aromas and the silky tannins ensure a soft mellow but lingering flavour on the palate.

Pinotage

Ask any local what do they know about wine and pinotage will be part of the answer you get. This varietal is a cross of the early 1920's by the University of Stellenbosch. Professor A. Pernod between Pinot Noir and Cincout. It is very well known for its chocolate and coffee characteristics and softer tannins. We have managed to source some from the oldest Pinotage vines on land. A very important variety to try while in South Africa.

Backsberg 2007 **Stellenbosch** R180
Ripe mulberry and sweet strawberry with a touch of herbs. A juicy mouthfeel with supple, "sweet" tannins. Very easy drinking with a light finish.

Bellevue PK Morkel Pinotage 2007 **Stellenbosch** R415
Situated in Bottelary, Stellenbosch. This wine is made by a youthful Wilhelm Kritzinger, under the passionate surveillance of viticulturist owner, Dirkie Morkel. This wine is from the special vine blocks, and is bottled in tribute to his late grandfather, PK Morkel, one of the most inspirational figures behind the very first bottle of Pinotage ever made, under the Lanzerac label. These blocks are some of the oldest Pinotage blocks ever, a fact retained in a bottle. Concentrated blackberry, plum, chocolate and vanilla flavours on both the nose and followed through to the palate. A supple mouth feel and silky tannin structure. A bold intense beautiful wine.

De Waal Top of the Hill 2003 **Stellenbosch** R550
De Waal brothers continue with a family tradition dating back to 1682, this wine comes from a combination of young and very old wines with two years in French oak, yes two years. Now that is some serious winemaking. On meeting one of the brothers, he asked me if I have tasted this wine before, and for the twentieth time I will say no, just to sneak another taste from him. The point is that, I never get tired of this wine. It is a remarkable wine of apple crumble banana and beefy undertones. A Cape Legend.

Doolhof 2007 **Wellington** R185
Plummy ruby colour with a pinky-purple rim. Impressive plum and blackberry fruits on the nose and palate with touches of earthy tones. Subtle whiffs of mocha and char from the oak are followed by a tell tale hint of vanilla.

Kanonkop 2007 **Stellenbosch** R635
The master pinotage...the uber star. South Africa's most talked about wine from a beautiful estate situated on the R44. This is what pinotage should be about. All the famous varietal characteristics are here. Majestic flavours of raspberries, black cherries and hints of dried banana.

Môreson 2007 **Franschhoek** R335
Ripe warm summer plums and cherry, hints of decadent dark chocolate and earthy coffee. The palate shows an impressive array of complex sweet flavours-plum, black cherry and a touch of mocha, followed by firm ripe tannins that give a well-balanced persistent aftertaste.

Simonsig 2007 **Stellenbosch** R175
Deep and dark bramble berry fruit with hints of wet earth and forest floor reveals the true character of Pinotage. Silky, polished tannins lend support to the full ripe, succulent berry and sour cherry fruit. Generous and complex with a gentle dry finish to balance the intrinsic sweet fruit, of this unoaked Pinotage from a superb red wine vintage.

"Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used. Exclaim no more against it".
~ William Shakespeare ~
Othello, II. iii. (315)

Meerlust		Stellenbosch	
South Africa's very finest Boudreaux style blend. A dream inspired by a trip to Boudreaux by the late Nico Myburge. I've been privileged enough to have tasted every vintage ever tasted since the maiden vintage 1980, of which all of them were truly amazingly beautiful on their own right.			
Rubicon	1992		R1200
Rubicon	1993		R1250
Rubicon	1994		R1200
Rubicon	2005		R625
Nederburg Baronne	2008	Paarl	R120
This wine has a lovely ruby red color with aromas of blackcurrant, cherries and prunes with spicy background nuances. On the palate it's full and velvety with an abundance of flavors and a good tannin structure.			
Neethlingshof Laurentius	2003	Stellenbosch	R280
Dark Berry fruit flavours with Plum and Cherry followed by elegant aromas of fine Oak, Cedar and Vanilla. Full-bodied and smooth packed with Cassis, Mulberry and hints of mint supported by good tannic structure.			
Rust en Vrede Estate	2006	Stellenbosch	R725
After an illustrious and successful career for the Springboks, Janie Engelbrecht ventures on a new project, to make wines that will change the world's perspective about South Africa. This wine was born. Nelson Mandela is known to have personally selected this wine for the world famous Nobel Peace dinner in 1993. A vibrant blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz. Outstanding aromas of fennel, rosemary with hints of espresso and blackberries.			
Vergelegen "V"	2005	Stellenbosch	R2500
This estate is as old as the cape. Established in 1700's by the Governor W A van der Stel this is one of the best South African wines to ever emerge from the past decade. A wine known only as the letter "v" The nose is complex, showing blackcurrant, cedar wood, lead pencil and cigar box aromas. These develop in the glass and are joined by raspberry, black cherry, spice and a hint of gaminess. On the palate the wine is concentrated but elegant, with fine-grained tannins that soften even further in the glass, resulting in a luxurious wine with a long aftertaste.			
Vergelegen Vergelegen	2004	Stellenbosch	R825
The wine shows rich ruby colour with almost an opaque centre. Cassis and pepper abound on the nose showing in class with immaculate fruit texture and suave tannins.			
Vilafonté Series C	2005	Paarl	R865
A fruitfully joint venture between Californian Zelma Long and Mike Ratcliffe of Warwick saw the birth of this fast becoming famous wine. The only wine I know from this country to be served at the US White House. Cabernet dominant (Sauvignon and Franc), with Merlot, tight structure with sweet and sensuous black fruits and flavours of chocolate, firm tannins and a long finish.			
Vilafonté Series M	2005	Paarl	R700
This luscious wine has open and seductive aromatics which are redolent of red plums and black raspberries, with a distinctive spicy note and floral undertones. Oak characters are subtle and primarily expressed with vanilla notes. The palate is soft, with velvet tannins up front, lovely and bright fruit flavours.			
Warwick Trilogy	2007	Stellenbosch	R585
Norma Ratcliffe needs no introduction in the wine field. This non-nonsense woman known for making amazing wines. This is her tribute to her late husband Stan. Trilogy is the bench mark wine of Warwick. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, each variety brings its unique characteristics, but once interrogated, it is out of this world. A wine with a full body, beautifully nose, long attractive legs and an outstanding performance on the palate. A definite sweetheart.			
Waterford "The Jem"	2005	Stellenbosch	R1650
The Jem is named after proprietor Jeremy Ord by a much loved Kevin Arnold at the stunning estate in Blaauwklippen road. This is a very big blend, a blend that took over eight years of experimentation before being released. Bold lead pencil and cassis notes backed by cedar and spice aromas, fine grained, well integrated tannins, soft and elegant. A long, refreshing and elegant finish which is classically dry. A great vintage.			

Red Varietals

Anura Grenache Signature 2007 **Paarl** R325

An enticing combination of fruits and fresh herbal tones on the nose. The palate all begins with a gracious swish of cherries, blue berries, ripe fruit flavours spread across the palate followed by a smooth English toffee and mint finish.

Annex Kloof Malbec 2008 **Swartland** R210

The Bassons are one lovely bunch of brothers, all playing different roles, with Hugo as the wine making Commander and Chief. They are always up for new challenges and making Malbec is a big one. Hugely popular in Argentina's Mendoza region, locally it is mostly produced as a blending component, rather than a single variety. Up front aromas of Turkish delight with eucalyptus and Fynbos hints. A perfect wine for our local game.

Bellevue Morkel Malbec 2007 **Stellenbosch** R225

Intense ruby colour. An upfront, intense nose of vanilla brambles, fynbos and eucalyptus flavours. Loads of concentrated ripe berry fruit on the palate. A well balanced wine with a good structure and a long clean finish.

Bellevue Petit Verdot 2005 **Stellenbosch** R360

Opaque purple-black color. Chocolate, plums, lead pencil and cedarwood on the nose. Toasted nuts and dark blackcurrant fruit on the palate. A complex, concentrated wine with a lingering aftertaste.

De Kraans Tinta Barroca 2006 **Calitzdorp -Karoo** R115

Bold, dry red wine with peppery aromas, earthy plummy fruit and a sweet balanced fruit.

Domaine Grier Grenache 2006 **France Rousillon** R220

The wine shows classic red berry fruit and cherries with a hint of spice and underlying vanilla chocolate. The rich soft mouth feel is typical of Grenache but it is well structured ensuring maturation potential.

Havana Hills Sangiovese 2006 **Philadelphia** R150

This is one of my favorite estates, even after a horrifying brush with a very life like plastic Cobra snake. Young Piet Kleynhans has now teamed up with veteran Mike Dobrovic. Sangiovese is one of Italy's finest. This is a very cool wine, exciting earthy and over ripe fruit with light body and freshness makes it a cool wine to enjoy slightly chilled. One of my favorite discoveries.

Rainbows End Cabernet Franc 2008 **Stellenbosch** R310

Intense deep red, colour. Lovely earthy and tea leaf flavours. Typical vegetative and herbaceous aromas with mineralic and slight floral aftertone (violets and fynbos). Intense rich fruit and juicy palate, with layers of dark chocolate and a hint of coffee. All in harmony with soft, fine tannins.

Dessert Wines

These wines carry very high sugar contents. These wines are a big No-No for my 92 year old diabetic grandmother, but their acidity level makes them charming and pleasant to drink. South African noble late harvests received super star status way before the turn of the 19th century. Constantia was one of the examples most talked or written about by its satisfied drinkers like Jane Austin, King Louis Phillipe, Charles Dickens and Napoleon Bonaparte. Its intense fruit characters include dried fruit, ripe apricots, rooibos, hazelnuts and cinnamon. Awesome with our desserts or can be enjoyed as its own as a little something sweet to finish off a meal.

Gls Btl

Avondale Muscat Blanc 2007 **Paarl** R30 R125

Attractive, crystal golden hue with intense flavour of litchi, lime and even some marzipan. Beautiful balance of flavour sweetness and body leave your taste buds screaming for more. Finishes nice and clean, nothing sticky but the awesome flavours of Muscat.

Beaumont Goutte d'Or 2006 **Walker Bay** R40 R235

Lime and honey, orange blossom and wood spice aromas. The palate shows delicate flavors with lovely sweetness and weight and a refreshing acidity that cuts through it.

Du Toitskloof NLH 2007 **Rawsonville** R45 R165

This full-bodied wine presents a luscious bouquet of peaches and apricots, enhanced by a subtle botrytis character. The Muscat tends to dominate, providing a floral, raisiny character.

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2005 **Constantia** R115 R790

Have you ever tasted a wine so amazing you run out of words to describe it? Jane Austen simply described it as a remedy to those with a broken heart. I call it pure luxury at its best, an experience at its finest. Constantia needed no GPS in the 18th century to tell the world where they were, all they did was make a marvelous wine and royalties sent ships to the Cape of Good Hope. Muscat de Frontignac grapes, their philosophy, great wines are made from great vines, not in the cellar. Ripe apricot, dried orange zest and candied fruit are some of the many characteristics you can expect. Join the extraordinary league and say yes I have drunk it...

Rudera Chenin Blanc NLH 2007 **Stellenbosch** R65 R325

Distinct yellow hue; rich bouquet. Waxy, honeyed with flinty tangerine. Rich mouth-feel and layers of tropical flavors, apricot, and some marmalade. The delicate yet firm smokey, oaky flavors expanding in the mouth. Fairly sweet and full; lovely texture and good length and balance.

Waterford Heatherleigh NV **Stellenbosch** R50 R265

Opulent botrytis dessert, wafts apricots, almonds and a complex luxurious sweet sugar with cleansing acidity.

“When it comes to wine, I tell people to throw away the vintage charts and invest in a corkscrew.
The best way to learn about wine is by drinking it.”

~ Alexis Lichine ~

Fortified Wines

Sherry

	Gls
Monis Medium Cream	R15
Monis Pale Dry	R15
Monis Full Cream	R15

Port

		Gls
Imported		
Cockburns White		R35
Local		
Axe Hill Cape Vintage	2006	R40
Axe Hill Dry White	NV	R36
Allesverloren	2006	R18
Boplaas Cape Tawny	NV	R22
Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve	2006	R42
De Kraans CVP	2007	R22
Peter Baylys Cape Vintage	2006	R36
Peter Baylys Dry White	2007	R36
Overgaauw	1990	R45
Overgaauw	1997	R65
Overgaauw	1998	R35
Simonsvlei Red Jerepiko	NV	R22
Wellington Hannepoort	NV	R26
Weltevrede Cape Muscat	2006/7	R30
Weltevrede Gold Muscat	2006/7	R30

Single Malt Whiskies

Speyside

Balvenie	15 year old	R75
Benriach	10 year old	R48
Dalwhinnie	15 year old	R80
Glen Moray	16 year old	R50
Glen Keith	10 year old	R40
Glenfiddich	12 year old	R40
	15 year old	R58
	18 year old	R72
Glenlivet	12 year old	R40
	18 year old	R75
	21 year old	R125
Longmorn	16 year old	R85
Macallan	12 year old	R55
Strathisla	12 year old	R55

Irish

Bushmills	12 year old	R45
	16 year old	R63

Isle of Skye

Talisker	10 year old	R50
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North Highlands

Glenmorangie	10 year old	R45
	18 year old	R110
	Nectar D'or	R55
	The Quinta Ruban	R55
	The Lasanta	R55
Highland Park	10 year old	R50

Islay

Lagavulin	16 year old	R85
Laphroaig	10 year old	R48
Ardbeg	10 year old	R55

Western Highlands

Oban	14 year old	R70
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Blended Whiskies

Ballantines	12 year old	R45
Ballantines	21 year old	R60
Chivas Regal	12 year old	R40
	18 year old	R85
	21 year old	R150
	25 year old	R550
Dimple Haig	15 year old	R42
Famous Grouse	18 year old	R72
Jameson	12 year old	R40
	18 year old	R88
	Gold Reserve	R63
Johnnie Walker	Red	R22
	Black	R38
	Green	R60
	Gold	R78
	Blue	R195
	King George V	R375
Sazerac Rye		R 45

Bourbons

Blantons	Single Barrel	R50
Buffalo Trace		R30
Eagle Rare	10 year old	R35
Jack Daniels	Single Barrel	R40
Knob Creek	9 year old	R40
Wild Turkey Rare		R45
WL Weller	12 year old	R35
Woodford Reserve		R38

Cognac and Cape Brandy

Cognac

Bisquit Cognac	VSOP	R50
Courvoisier	VSOP	R48
Hennessey	VSOP	R48
Remy Martin	VSOP	R45
Remy Martin	XO	R160
Martell	VSOP	R50

Armagnac

Alchemist		R55
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Brandy

KWV	10 Year Old	R20
KWV	20 Year Old	R55
Oude Molen Reserve	14 Year Old	R40
Van Ryns Reserve	12Year Old	R45
Van Ryns Reserve	15 Year Old	R75
Sydney Back	10 Year Old	R40
KWV Imoya	VSOP	R35

Grappa

Wilderers	Muscat	R32
Wilderers	Pinotage	R32
Wilderers	Fynbos	R32
Wilderers	Pear Williams	R32
Dalla Cia	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay	R25
	Cabernet/Merlot	R25
Antonella	Cabernet Sauvignon	R35

Water List

Tap Water is available for your enjoyment, this water is regularly tested by a laboratory that accesses chemical balance as well as any bacteriological containment and is safe to drink.

Aqua D' Or

The farm is served by seven springs that generate over three million liters of water per month; the water has a clean, crisp, neutral taste.

Paarl

Still	1000ml	R35
Still	330ml	R18
Sparkling	1000ml	R35
Sparkling	330ml	R18

Karoo

The source is situated in Paardenberg on the Weltevrede Estate. Karoo water is exceptionally pure and has an average mineral content which gives it an alkaline character

Paarl

Still	1000ml	R35
Still	330ml	R16
Sparkling	1000ml	R35
Sparkling	330ml	R16

Evian

Every drop of Evian Natural Spring Water begins as rain and snow falling high in the pristine French Alps. This water then spends at least 15 years slowly filtering through a vast, protective aquifer deep within the mountain. The aquifer consists of glacial sand and that is what gives Evian its unique taste and mineral composition

France

Still	1000ml	R65
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Voss

VOSS Artesian Water is amongst the purest waters in the world. Taken from a virgin aquifer shielded for centuries under ice and rock in the untouched wilderness of central Norway.

Norway

Still	375ml	R50
Sparkling	375ml	R50