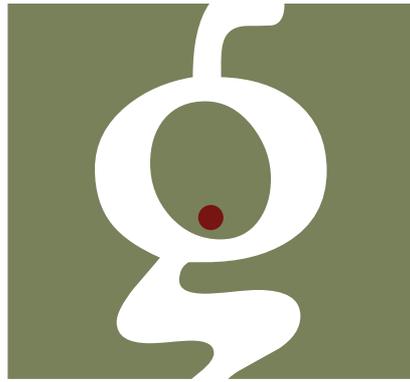


G R A N I T A



Signature restaurant

W I N E • L I S T

Off-dry

Vergelegen Vin de Florence 2009 R 35

Robertson

Off-dry blend of sauvignon and riesling with chenin, semillon and muscat adding aromatic interest.

Rosé

Jordan Chameleon 2010 R 40

Stellenbosch

Dry, French-styled rosé made in traditional fashion. Fresh strawberry and red berry fruits flesh out a nicely structured palate. Versatile lunchtime wine.

Red

Kievits Kroon Grand Rouge 2010 R 42

Swartland

Blended exclusively for Kievits Kroon by award-winning boutique estates, Bizoe and Glen Erskine. This elegant Cape blend offers subtle red fruit aromas and flavours.

Beyerskloof Pinotage 2010 R 48

Stellenbosch

King of pinotage, Beyers Truter, received many international awards during his stay at Kanonkop. He now concentrates on his own wines, this being the most accessible and juicily-fruited of his range.

De Grendel Merlot 2008 R 65

Durbanville

Atlantic-cooled De Grendel vineyards yield elegant wines: long, cool ripening ensures bright cherry and plum flavours, structured by spicy, tightly-knit tannins.

Brampton Cabernet Sauvignon

2009

R 50

Stellenbosch

Rustenberg's second label cabernet offers enticing sweet black cherry fruit, plums and hints of cassis, interwoven with subtle oak aromas of vanilla, toffee and treacle.

Zandvliet Shiraz

2008

R 59

Robertson

Appealing fresh red fruit and wild cherry aromas, with flavours of plums and liquorice. An elegant, easy drinking wine which is perfect with meat dishes or strong pasta sauces.

Brampton OVR

2009

R 38

Stellenbosch

Enormously popular, richly flavoured blend of cabernet, shiraz and merlot from Rustenberg Estate. Red and black berry fruit are complemented by cloves and nutmeg spices.

F R E N C H C H A M P A G N E

Pol Roger Brut Réserve Épernay, Champagne Elegant, restrained style of Champagne from this well-regarded family firm, which nonetheless coats its reserve with an irresistible veneer of creaminess. One of the best non-vintage blends known for its lively elegance.	NV	R 885
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Reims, Champagne Dominated by pinot noir, with a touch of pinot meunier, Veuve is made in a consistently popular style. Nearly a third chardonnay gives it the elegance and finesse required for perfect balance.	NV	R 1095
Moët et Chandon Brut Impérial Épernay, Champagne Moët non-vintage is deliberately made in a soft, light and fresh style. Enjoy the fine bubbles and flavours of candied fruit, ginger bread and vanilla.	NV	R 1050
Bollinger Grande Année Aÿ, Champagne Maison Bollinger took advantage of the outstanding 1999 vintage to bottle a vintage wine. With aromas of baked bread and honeyed and citrus flavours on the palate, the 1999 Grande Année is very firmly structured with a beautifully long nutty aftertaste.	1999	R 2150
Lallier Rosé, Premier Cru Aÿ, Champagne Champagne Lallier is privately owned and managed by Francis Tribaut, who owns some of the top Grand Cru vineyards. Fresh, assertive raspberry fruit with a crisp, clean, slightly sweetish finish. Its amber-orange colour and its fruitiness are particularly appreciated.	NV	R 820

M É T H O D E C A P C L A S S I Q U E

Sterhuis Blanc de Blanc Brut Stellenbosch Made from 20-year old vines and fermented in old French barrels, this is a fine example of Cape bubbles. Citrus character, some brioche and hints of toast on the nose, the flavours show wonderful richness and breadth. Lovely, consistent, long, and balanced. Platter ****	2008	R 240
Krone Borealis Brut Tulbagh One of the Cape's most appetizing bubbly from this highly individual family-run Tulbagh estate. Champagne grapes, chardonnay and pinot noir, are blended to create a still wine, which is fermented in the bottle. Rich and complex, it is one of the few white wines to be made without added sulfites. Platter ****/*	2008	R 210
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Stellenbosch Kaapse Vonkel was the first bottle-fermented sparkling wine made in the Cape according to the Champagne method, using traditional varieties pinots noir and meunier and chardonnay. Kaapse Vonkel means "Cape Sparkle". Platter ****	2009	R 225
Graham Beck Brut Rosé Robertson Beautiful salmon-pink colour with strawberry fruit flavours. Aromas are light and yeasty, with good freshness on the nose and a rich creamy complexity on the palate. Rich but dry Cap Classique wine with lovely finesse. Platter ****	NV	R 227
Graham Beck Bliss (off-dry) Robertson A new chardonnay-pinot noir demi-sec/off-dry sparkler from this popular bubbly specialist cellar with all the finesse of the Brut and a fresh, delicate sweetness.	NV	R 210

S A U V I G N O N B L A N C

Kievits Kroon Sauvignon Blanc

2011

R 120

Elgin

Crafted exclusively for Kievits Kroon by Glen Erskine Boutique Wine Estate. Distinctive, quality Elgin sauvignons from prime vineyards are blended to yield a deliciously fruity wine which compliments seafood, poultry dishes and pastas.

Springfield Life from Stone Sauvignon Blanc

2011

R 200

Robertson

This popular sauvignon is made from vines grown on Springfield's limestone-rich soils, in a piercing, steely style. Minimal intervention in the cellar has resulted in a full expression of these soils, with passion fruit flavours and flintiness showing in the stylish finish.

Iona Sophie T'Blanche Sauvignon Blanc

2011

R 140

Elgin

Vineyard workers, unused to French pronunciation, call this grape Sophie Terblanche, hence the humorous label. From the Elgin plateau, where the high altitude ensures a long, cool growing season, yielding a fresh, crisp and aromatic style.

De Grendel Sauvignon Blanc

2010

R 151

Durbanville

Distinctive grassiness and fine dustiness are hallmarks of ocean-cooled Durbanville sauvignons. Green pepper and fig aromas give way to tangy grapefruit and passion fruit flavours. Perfect with fish, pasta and smoked poultry. Platter ****

Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc

2009

R 220

Constantia

Intense aromas of green fig and nectarine are typical of this variety grown in Constantia on the cool Cape Peninsula. The palate is richly textured, powerful and complex, with a fine, long and flavourful finish. Platter ****

Overgaauw Sauvignon Blanc 2011 R 130

Stellenbosch

This historic family-owned farm make a charmingly tropical, beautifully balanced and rich sauvignon, which is not overpowering, and can easily be enjoyed on its own.

Darling Cellars Bush Vine Sauvignon Blanc 2011 R 120

Darling

A good 2011 vintage has ensured vibrantly fresh pineapple and lime flavours with a perfect, zesty acidity and flavourful finish. Enjoy with seafood and salads.

C H A R D O N N A Y

Ataraxia Chardonnay 2009 R 375

Walker Bay

It's difficult to get hold of the tiny volumes of this expressive, award-winning wine from ex-Hamilton Russell winemaker Kevin Grant's boutique cellar. A soil-derived gravelly minerality and racy acidity adds to the classic length and complexity of this stylish, world class wine. Platter ****/*

Thelema Mountain Vineyards Chardonnay 2009 R 225

Stellenbosch

The complexity gained from the winemaking techniques employed in the making of this 100% barrel fermented, whole-bunch pressed chardonnay is obvious, with its golden hue and concentrated vanilla & lime aromas and flavours. Platter ****

Vergelegen Chardonnay 2010 R 230

Somerset West

Impressive full-bodied and concentrated Burgundian oak fermented chardonnay from talented winemaker André van Rensburg. Orange blossom aromas and stone fruit flavours shot through with brisk acidity through to a long, minerally finish.

Newton-Johnson Chardonnay 2009 R 215
Walker Bay
This family-owned Walker Bay farm consistently delivers excellent quality at realistic prices. Delicious citrus zestiness and a rich, creamy texture contribute to the richness and persistence of flavour of this judiciously oaked wine. Platter ****

Paul Cluver Chardonnay 2009 R 248
Elgin
A chardonnay bursting with aromas and flavours of citrus fruit, fresh apples and marmalade. The toasty oak adds to the complexity and lends a serious mouth feel, yet still manages restraint in this classically-styled wine. Platter ****/*

U N O A K E D C H A R D O N N A Y

Constantia Uitsig Chardonnay 2010 R 190
Constantia
A fresh, zippy, unoaked chardonnay with pronounced pear and orange zest aromas. Well-rounded stone fruit flavours and hints of almond precede a soft, lingering finish.

Bouchard-Finlayson Sans Barrique Chardonnay 2010 R 220
Walker Bay
This label from cool, coastal Walker Bay, shows pure apple and citrus aromas and flavours of chardonnay unfettered by oak, but with breadth and complexity from time spent on its lees.

Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2010 R 140
Robertson
Character and complexity is gained from aging on fine lees rather than oak. Stylish and rich, with lime cordial zestiness, for enjoying on its own or with food.

C H E N I N B L A N C

Pecan Stream Chenin Stellenbosch Quality-driven Waterford's second label wine made to be enjoyed while the fresh tropical fruits and ripe apricot flavours are at their youthful best. Drink on its own, or with a variety of pasta and white meat dishes.	2009	R 110
Jean Daneel Signature Chenin Blanc Napier Chenin specialist Jean Daneel doesn't disappoint with his top-end, gorgeously rich, full and concentrated chenin. Distinctive and versatile, it will stand up to most spicy dishes.	2010	R 242
Ken Forrester Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch Made from 30+ year old low-yielding bush vines, this is one of South Africa's leading "serious" Chenins from top restaurateur Ken Forrester's Stellenbosch vineyards. Cask fermented and matured in French oak.	2010	R 162
Vinum Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch Restrained and classically flinty, with layers of vivid fruit resulting in a harmonious, elegant and judiciously oaked chenin. Made by Frenchman Eduoard Labeye at The Winery of Good Hope. Platter ****	2008	R 130

P R E M I U M W H I T E B L E N D S

Bizoe Henrietta	2009	R 270
Franschhoek		
This maiden vintage of this oaked semillon-sauvignon blend was awarded a gold medal at the International Wine Challenge, one of the world's biggest and most prestigious wine competitions. Platter ****/*		
Trizanne Signature Wines	2010	R 215
Elim		
Flying solo after working at Klein Constantia and Anwilka is something that petite (but remarkably strong) Trizanne Barnard has always aimed for, and has now achieved with small volumes of a refreshing, complex blend of sauvignon blanc and (barrel-fermented) semillon, made from crisp Elim fruit. Platter ****		
Vondeling Babiana	2008	R 235
Swartland		
Matured in oak this blend of chenin, viognier, chardonnay and grenache blanc is a classy act. Winemaker Matthew Copeland achieves a creamy, peachy texture, shot through with zesty citrus flavours and a captivatingly earthy minerality. Platter ****		
Joostenberg Chenin with a dash of Viognier	2010	R 110
Paarl		
A splash of peachy viognier adds to the deliciously fresh and concentrated chenin blanc.		

V I O G N I E R

The Foundry Viognier 2008 R 248

Stellenbosch

Meerlust winemaker Chris Williams' own label has done exceptionally well internationally. Rich flavours of apricot, lime, and a stony minerality drive this well balanced wine to a full, flavoursome conclusion. Platter ****

U N O A K E D C H A R D O N N A Y

R I E S L I N G

Hartenberg Weisser Riesling 2009 R 135

Stellenbosch

From warmer Stellenbosch, the flavour profile is softer, less steely than usual, but still with overt riesling characteristics of zesty lime and spiciness, and a mouth-watering sweet-sour finish. Platter ****

O F F - D R Y A N D S E M I - S W E E T

Thelema Mountain Vineyards Muscat de Frontignan 2010 R 125

Stellenbosch

An oh-so-charming wine made in tiny quantities at this well-regarded winery. Light, off-dry and very tasty!

Vergelegen Vin de Florence 2010 R 120

Robertson

Off-dry blend of sauvignon and riesling with chenin, semillon and muscat adding aromatic interest.

R O S É A N D B L A N C D E N O I R

Kanonkop Pinotage Rosé 2010 R 110

Stellenbosch

A spicy, dry rosé, “bled” from pinotage grapes on this illustrious Cape property. In keeping with the Kanonkop wine and food philosophy, this is a savoury, full-bodied and versatile food wine.

Buitenverwachting Blanc de Noir 2010 R 110

Constantia

A popular, salmon-pink coloured and cherry and strawberry flavoured wine, from this renowned Constantia estate, from prime red grapes – made to be enjoyed.

Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2010 R 118

Stellenbosch

Gorgeously dry French-styled rosé made in traditional fashion. Fresh strawberry and red berry fruits flesh out a nicely structured palate. Great as a versatile lunchtime wine.

P I N O T N O I R

Meerlust Pinot Noir 2009 R 370

Stellenbosch

Long recognised for producing world-class wines, Meerlust's eighth generation custodian Hannes Myburgh maintains his family's dedication to producing wines in a classic style. Since 2004, winemaker Chris Williams has fashioned the pinot in a substantial, intricately complex style, garnering repeated Platter 5 stars. Platter ****/*

Paul Cluver Pinot Noir 2009 R 350

Elgin

Retired neurosurgeon Paul Cluver was the first person to plant vineyards on the cool apple growing Elgin plateau, an ideal climate for this challenging variety. This wine, with its truffle and cherry fragrance, and elegantly fruity palate spent 11 months maturing in French barrels. Platter ****

Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir 2007 R 495

Walker Bay

This esteemed producer manages to replicate the restrained and complex Burgundian expression of this variety. Low-vigour soils, tiny yields and cool maritime climate give rise to a tighter, more classic wine with no overt fruitiness or sweetness. Instead, it shows hints of that alluring "primal" character along with a dark, spicy, complex primary fruit perfume. Platter ****/*

P I N O T A G E

Beyerskloof Pinotage 2010 R 130

Stellenbosch

Long known as South Africa's king of pinotage, winemaker Beyers Truter received more than his share of international awards during his 24-year stay at Kanonkop. He now concentrates on his own wines, this pinotage being the least serious, most juicily-fruited of his range.

Diemersfontein Pinotage 2011 R 195

Wellington

A warm region, red wine only Diemersfontein consistently offers ripe, black-fruited, mocha-laced wines with sweet spice and clove undertones. The opulently rich flavours and unabashedly new-world style make a good partner for any meat or game dish.

Grangehurst Pinotage 2003 R 300

Stellenbosch

Grangehurst's maiden 1992 vintage was vinified on a converted squash court. Since then, this specialist red wine cellar has lost none of its handcrafted appeal. One of the Cape's best Pinotages, it is firmly structured, yet elegant, showing good depth and complexity. Platter ****/*

Reyneke Pinotage 2008 R 240

Stellenbosch

Johan Reyneke's aim has always been to express the uniqueness of his soils, dotted with stone age hand axes, in his wines. This release is from the only biodynamic pinotage vineyard in the world! Elegant, pure and vibrant brambly fruit with lively acidity carries the wine to a thrilling finish. Platter ****

M E R L O T

De Grendel Merlot 2008 R 195

Durbanville

Atlantic-cooled De Grendel vineyards yield elegant wines, and this merlot is no exception. The long, cool ripening ensures bright cherry and plum flavours, structured by spicy, tightly-knit tannins. Perfect with lamb dishes.

Hartenberg Merlot 2008 R 280

Stellenbosch

A fleshy, savoury merlot, with rich red berry fruit flavours, which is ready to enjoy now. This sleek wine from Hartenberg matured in French barrels, resulting in a fine, ripe tannin structure which carries the fruit graciously through to the finish. Platter ****

De Trafford Merlot 2005 R 335

Stellenbosch

A stylishly made, impressively concentrated merlot yielding bright, polished fruit aromas and flavours. Plushly textured, classy wine from this small internationally renowned cellar. Blended with a splash of cabernet franc and petit verdot before maturation in French barrels. Platter ****

Ridgeback Merlot 2008 R 180

Paarl

Beguiling aromas of violets, plums, mocha and oak spice promise, and deliver, a refined and complex wine with a full, textured mouth feel and deliciously savoury finish.

C A B E R N E T S A U V I G N O N

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| Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon | 2007 | R 325 |
| Constantia | | |
| This cabernet was re-released after a few years of meticulous attention in the vineyards, making a successful quality statement. Ripe blackcurrant and mint aromas of cabernet mingle with earthy undertones. Flavours are full and round, showing good weight and structure and seamlessly integrated oak. | | |
| Brampton Cabernet Sauvignon | 2009 | R 140 |
| Stellenbosch | | |
| Rustenberg's second label sometimes fares better in blind-tasting competitions than their flagship red. This cabernet offers enticing sweet black cherry fruit, plums and hints of cassis, which are interwoven with subtle oak aromas of vanilla, toffee and treacle. Big enough to stand up to most strongly flavoured dishes. | | |
| Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon | 2008 | R 220 |
| Stellenbosch | | |
| Garry and Kathy Jordan never fail to coax abundant flavours of blackberry and cassis from these grapes grown on their cool Stellenbosch hillside vineyards. This wine shows all the hallmarks of quality: structure, depth, balance and complexity. It was matured for 20 months in French oak barrels. Platter **** | | |
| Thelema Mountain Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon | 2007 | R 410 |
| Stellenbosch | | |
| Thelema led the way in the early 90s in producing distinctively modern-styled and accessible cabernets with the ability to age well. The concentrated blackcurrant and blackberry flavours with a hint of mint and eucalyptus are in perfect balance with the clean French oak. Platter ****/* | | |
| Cederberg Cabernet Sauvignon | 2007 | R 230 |
| Cederberg | | |
| The dry climate and high altitude Cederberg vineyards are capable of producing excellent, healthy grapes – the mark of this beautifully balanced and richly flavoured, deliciously drinkable and fine wine. Platter **** | | |

S H I R A Z / S Y R A H

Waterford Kevin Arnold Shiraz

2007

R 370

Stellenbosch

Kevin Arnold was winemaker at Rust en Vrede Estate for many years before establishing Waterford. His shiraz is made in a rich and concentrated style: dark fruit laced with spice and roasted coffee beans, and spends a year in American and French oak. Platter ****/*

The Foundry Syrah

2006

R 350

Stellenbosch

One of the Cape's top examples, made by talented Meerlust winemaker Chris Williams, who believes texture and balance to be the most important components of a wine. Expressive, rich and spicy flavours with supple structure and an elegant, savoury finish. Platter ****/*

Zandvliet Shiraz

2007

R 175

Robertson

Appealing fresh red fruit and wild cherry aromas, with flavours of plums and liquorice. An elegant, easy drinking wine which is perfect with game dishes or strong pasta sauces.

Vondeling Baldrick Shiraz

2009

R 235

Swartland

This historic farm was granted to Swedish immigrant Oloff Bergh by Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stel in 1704. Matured for 11 months in barrel, the Baldrick shiraz is fortified by a dollop of mourvèdre and lifted by aromatic viognier. Deliciously spicy and smoky.

P R E M I U M R E D B L E N D S

Bordeaux-style

Meerlust Rubicon 2007 R 540

Stellenbosch

One of first Cape Bordeaux-styled blends from this internationally renowned estate.

The Rubicon is consistently restrained and quietly understated in style, rewarding time in bottle.

2001 was a particularly good vintage, producing an unusually powerful, and classically complex wine. Platter *****

Morgenster LRV 2005 R 465

Stellenbosch

A merlot dominant blend (62%) with cabernet sauvignon from this quality-conscious property (Pierre Lurton of Château Cheval Blanc consults). This is Morgenster's second label, showing restraint and style typical of the wines of the Médoc. Platter ****/*

De Toren Z 2008 R 350

Stellenbosch

Pronounced 'Zee', this merlot-led wine is the more accessible "little brother" of much-acclaimed Fusion V from top Stellenbosch property De Toren. Plumply fruited flavours of plum and blueberry are checked by finely textured soft tannins from a year spent in barrel. Platter *****

Laibach The Ladybird 2009 R 198

Stellenbosch

An organic blend of merlot and cabernet exhibiting a spectrum of crushed blackberry, cassis and wild cherry aromas. Vibrant fruit supported by oak structure makes this youthful wine accessible now. Platter *****

Rupert & Rothschild Classique 2009 R 300

Simonsberg Paarl

Bordeaux-style cabernet and merlot blend. Ripe, rich berry fruit impressions interspersed with sappy herbal flavours, leading to a succulent, cherry and cinnamon finish from this venerable farm.

Rhône style blends

Boekenhoutskloof The Chocolate Block 2010 R 370

Franschhoek

Sought-after, sleek blend of (mostly) shiraz and grenache with a beguiling rich, spiciness after the traditional reds of the Southern Rhône. Dense, and vibrantly youthful, enjoy the voluptuous mouth feel, and long, complex finish.

Mullineux Kloof Street Rouge 2009 R 185

Swartland

Chris and Andrea Mullineux's many travels in France's Rhône Valley are reflected in this juicy, unassuming and intriguing blend of mourvèdre, syrah and carignan.

Cape Blend

Kievits Kroon Grand Rouge 2010 R 130

Swartland

Blended exclusively for Kievits Kroon by award-winning boutique estates, Bizoe and Glen Erskine. This elegant Cape blend offers subtle red fruit aromas, depth of flavours and lovely complexity. Delicious with roasted red meat dishes, lamb casseroles and softly spicy Malay curries.

Grangehurst Nikela 2003 R 295

Stellenbosch

"Nikela"- meaning "to offer dedication, respect or a tribute to one's ancestors" is the name chosen by winemaker Jeremy Walker for this well-regarded blend dedicated to his parents. Rich and austere, it is best served with hearty red meat dishes. Platter ****/*

Remhoogte Aigle Noir 2008 R 140

Stellenbosch

Juicy, spicy blend with succulent pinotage flavours underpinned by savoury oak tannins for easy enjoyment with or without food.

Kanonkop Kadette 2010 R 150

Stellenbosch

Kanonkop's entry-level blend is made in succulently-fruited style, but there's no missing those seriously structured tannins lurking in the background. Great value!

Cabernet-Shiraz blend

Hartenberg Cabernet-Shiraz 2008 R 129

Stellenbosch

Top shiraz grower Hartenberg use grapes from their younger vines to produce this great value blend. Aromas and flavours of blackberry fruit and roasted spices make it the ideal partner for lighter meat and pasta dishes.

Brampton OVR 2009 R 115

Stellenbosch

Enormously popular, richly flavoured blend of cabernet, shiraz and merlot from Rustenberg Estate. Red and black berry fruit are complemented by cloves and nutmeg spices.

M O U R V È D R E

Beaumont Mourvèdre 2009 R 280

Bot River

One of the few (and SA's first) stand-alone bottling of this modish, deep and dark, sweet and savoury variety, which needs to be enjoyed with a hearty meat dish because of its vigorous tannins.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L R E D S

Chateau Teyssier, St-Émilion, 2008 R 995

BORDEAUX, France

St-Émilion superstar, Jonathan Maltus, is always in the pursuit of perfection. Teyssier is currently among the legion of Grand Crus and is easily of Grand Cru Classé quality. A merlot-cabernet franc blend, the wine displays abundant sweet black fruits, a natural, lush texture, ripe tannin, and a heady finish.

Joseph Drouhin Nuits St Georges 2008 R 880

BURGUNDY, France

Founded in 1880 by Joseph Drouhin, this famous Burgundy négociant is still family owned. Winemaker Veronique Drouhin is handed the pinot noir grapes from their own vineyards by brother Philippe, to turn into a range of sought-after, earthy red Burgundy. Delicious with duck and light red meats.

Alain Graillot Crôzes Hermitage 2007 R 700

RHÔNE VALLEY, France

Alain Graillot founded this Domaine in 1985, and rapidly became one of the most in-demand producers in the Northern Rhone for his exuberant, robust, 100% syrah (shiraz) wines. Graillot's wines are structured, though appealing and approachable in their youth, and their longevity is truly remarkable.

C A P E W I N E M A K E R S G U I L D
A U C T I O N W I N E S

CWG Vergelegen White 2004 R 800

Stellenbosch

A 5-star combination of barrel-fermented semillon and sauvignon blanc from one of South Africa's top wineries. Perfectly balanced and classy, it is drinking well now, but will continue to develop well in bottle over the next five years.

CWG De Grendel Koetshuis Semillon 2006 R 500

Durbanville

Handpicked from Atlantic ocean-facing Durbanville vineyards, CWG member Charles Hopkins makes a wine from this white Bordeaux variety with concentrated tropical pineapple aromas and flavours, with light oaking lending even more complexity.

CWG Overgaauw DC Classic 2004 R 550

Stellenbosch

Century old Overgaauw faithfully carries on the family tradition of fine red wines: complex aromas of cassis and raspberry, well-integrated wood structure and rich complexity ensures ageing potential. A steak is called for if drinking this merlot-cabernet blend now.

CWG De Trafford Perspective 2004 R 995

Stellenbosch

Architect David Trafford is one of the most talented winemakers in the Cape. His high, very steep Stellenbosch cabernet franc and merlot vineyards yield complex cranberry aromas. Fine, firm, plush tannins with integrated fruit linger on the palate. Delicious.

D E S S E R T W I N E S

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2004 R 755 (500ml)/R 85 (50ml)

Constantia

This much-awarded dessert wine is a recreation of the Cape's legendary sweet wine of the 18th century (written about by Charles Dickens and drunk by Napoleon in exile). Tempting aromas of dried mangos, apricots and honey also show on the intense flavours. It is pared by pithy astringency and a fresh, mouth-watering finish. Savour before or after a meal. Platter ****/*

Jordan Mellifera 2006 R 330 (375ml)/ R 45 (50ml)

Stellenbosch

Versatile with food (have as an aperitif or with dessert) because of its light freshness. Delicate, orange blossom aromas and ripe peach and apricot flavours are balanced by a thread of acidity, adding elegance to the rich, citrus twist finish. Platter ****

Mullineux Family Wines Straw Wine 2008 R 515 (375ml)/ R 65 (50ml)

Chenin grapes raisined on straw mats yielded viscous juice that took six months (instead of a few days) to ferment, to make this decadently sweet, ripe and perfectly balanced wine. A light-footed 10% alcohol makes it an appealing drink before or after dinner. Platter *****

Fortified

Weltevrede Ouma se Wyn 2007 R 17 per glass/50ml

Robertson

Fortified white muscadel, made especially for the winemaker's Ouma, who likes nothing better than a glass of lightly chilled, sweet wine.

Weltevrede Oupa se Wyn 2008 R 17 per glass/50ml

Robertson

Red muscadel fortified with brandy to make a warming (15.5% alcohol) drink which slips down easily.

Pineau de Laborie NV R 13 per glass/50ml

Paarl

Made in the style of the French Pineau des Charentes which is grape must fortified with Cognac. This fashionable local rendition is made from pinotage and quality pot still brandy and matured in oak barrels. Delicious as a dessert with cheeses.

P O R T

De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve 2008 R 20 per glass/50ml

Calitzdorp

Vintage Reserve is only made in the finest years at this Klein Karoo property specialising in port-style wines with flavours and aromas of plums and Christmas pudding. Platter ****/*

Overgaauw Cape Vintage 1996 R 17 per glass/50ml

Stellenbosch

Evolving gracefully with time in the bottle, this seriously-styled port is made from several of the fine Portuguese varieties, which give the wine intensity and classic grip, with rich nutty fruitcake flavours. Platter ****

Niepoort Ruby NV R 35 per glass/50ml

Douro Valley, Portugal

Niepoort believe that the colour of the port should be inspired by the lighter ruby stone (as opposed to the darker ruby colour). Fresh, young and fruity vibrant red cherry flavours! A great option to accompany soft cheeses and desserts, the "Ruby" style makes for suitable enjoyment. Serve chilled any time of the day.

S H E R R Y

Emilio Lustau East India Solera

R 33 per glass/50ml

Xeres, Spain

A blend of aged dry Oloroso and aged sweet Pedro Ximinez, made from sun-dried grapes. Smooth, rich, and complex, with a balance of clean acidity at the finish. Enjoy lightly chilled on its own as an apéritif, or as a digéstif at the end of a meal, with crème brulée and cheeses.

Emilio Lustau Manzanilla Papirusa Solera Reserva

R 33 per glass/50ml

Xeres, Spain

From the port of Sanlúcar, Spanish explorers sailed for the new world, now the place of origin of the light, bone-dry style Manzanilla. Perfect chilled as an apéritif, or with a bowl of tapas.

Monis Fino/Medium/Full Cream

R 15 per glass/50ml

The fino is bone-dry in style, with the full cream, more generous, smooth and rich with nutty, woody flavours making it a good after dinner choice. Fino is best as an aperitif, while the fuller styles can be enjoyed as an end to a meal on its own or with a fine cigar.

P O T S T I L L B R A N D Y

Sydney Back Pot Still Brandy

R 70 per glass/50ml

Ten years of maturation in barrel imparts an array of complex aromas and flavours. Hazelnut, peach and subtle liquorice are lifted by the vapour of fine, pure spirit, followed by warm, savoury, sweet flavours of almond and apricot.

Kaapzicht Pot Still Brandy

R 50 per glass/50ml

Deep golden and amber in colour, with complex aromas and flavours of dried fig, prunes and toasted notes. Smoky oak and fine clove and cinnamon spices endure on the smooth finish.

O L D E R V I N T A G E S

Cabernet Sauvignon

Rustenberg Peter Barlow	2006	R 450
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Shiraz

Saxenberg Shiraz	2000	R 950
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Merlot

Steenberg CWG Auction Reserve Merlot	2000	R 360
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Cape Blend

Grangehurst Nikela	2001	R 295
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Fortified wines

Axe Hill Port	2006	R 380
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KWV Port	1981	R 2810
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B I N E N D S

Quoin Rock Chardonnay 2006 R 160

Stellenbosch

The complexity gained from the natural winemaking techniques employed in the making of this barrel fermented, whole-bunch pressed Chardonnay is obvious, with its golden hue, concentrated citrus and lime aromas and flavours. Platter ****

Nitida Semillon 2009 R 150

Durbanville

Nurtured in the cool Durbanville hills just north of Cape Town, this classic semillon exhibits ripe peach aromas, threaded through by lively acidity and zesty citrus and fresh apple flavours. Platter ****/*

Glen Carlou Pinot Noir 2009 R 300

Paarl

The Swiss Hess Group have invested in renewal of vineyards and cellar since purchasing this Paarl property, which is well-reflected in their wines. This is an elegantly-styled pinot, offering fresh, juicy, brambly fruit, underpinned by the structure from a year's maturation in French oak. Platter ****

Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 R 295

Stellenbosch

Rich and elegant in both style and packaging, this wine is made at this Provençal-style Stellenbosch winery. Densely packed with cassis and berry fruit, ripe and spicy tannins, followed by a softly textured finish. Platter ****/*

Quoin Rock Syrah 2004 R 250

Stellenbosch

Award-winning wine from this relatively new winery established by businessman Dave King. Dark fruit and leather with hints of spice and white pepper are evident, with restrained flavours and textured tannins. Platter ****/*

Klein Constantia Marlbrook

2007

R 325

Constantia

The first flagship red Bordeaux-styled Marlbrook blend released since 2001 is a successful quality statement. Ripe blackcurrant aromas of cabernet mingle with undertones of earth and tobacco. Flavours are full and round, showing good weight and structure and seamlessly integrated oak. Platter ****/*

Newton-Johnson Syrah-Mourvèdre

2007

R 240

Walker Bay

Newton-Johnson had an instant hit with their elegant rendition of this Southern Rhône blend. Fragrant, pure and spicy plum fruit with supple, pliant tannins offer immediate and pleasurable enjoyment. Platter ****

High Constantia Cabernet Franc

2004

R 240

Constantia

Small volumes of the noble Cabernet Franc are handcrafted in the cellar of this little corner of Cape Town's Constantia Valley. Dark, rich plum colour with characteristic lifted aromatics of spice and berries, complemented by subtle use of French oak. Platter ****