Wine is one of my biggest passions in life. Being situated in the Western Cape, we are spoilt to have many of the finest Vineyards in the world directly on our doorstep.

Our wine list comprises of some of the finest wines and vintages in South Africa for you to savor.

We take a holistic approach to wine here at the hotel as the food and beverage team have a most exciting job of tasting and debating the wines that feature on our wine selection carefully sourced from a plethora of excellent wines produced both locally and internationally. With all the support, I am delighted compiling this wine list and updating it according to the trends and our chefs menu. It is our belief that a good plate of food can only reach its full potential if paired with a wine that supports the Chefs delicate creation – in either complementing or contrasting its flavours.

We are also very fortunate to be associated with the Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Winery whose winemaker Peter Finlayson is considered to be one of the pack leaders in South Africa when it comes to Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The entire collection is featured in this list with many older and sought after vintages available for your enjoyment.

I would be delighted to recommend wines from our comprehensive wine selection to meet your taste and expectations. I would like to contribute in making your dining experience a truly memorable one as we have quality wines even for the most discerning palates.

“We trust you will enjoy our carefully selected wine list, and due to the research that has gone into this extensive compilation, regret that we do not allow corkage.”

Yours in Wine

Gregory Mutambe
Sommelier for the Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa
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Most of the Cape’s winegrowing regions are influenced by one of the two mighty oceans which meet at this southernmost tip of Africa: the Atlantic and the Indian oceans. Combine beneficial maritime influences like regular coastal fog and cooling sea breezes with a moderate Mediterranean climate, distinctive and varied topography, and diverse soils, and you have the ideal conditions in which to create wines of unique character and complexity. Coupled with this, a winemaking tradition and history dating back more than 350 years blends the restrained elegance of the Old World with the accessible fruit-driven styles of the New, making for wines which eloquently express the unique terroir of the Cape. No wonder that this extraordinary wealth of natural assets and tradition should instill South Africa’s wines with a true sense of place.

Currently around 101 325 hectares of vines producing wine grapes are under cultivation over an area some 800 kilometers in length. Under the auspices of the Wine of Origin Scheme, production zones in the Cape winelands are divided into officially demarcated regions, districts and wards. There are four main regions – Breede River Valley, Coastal, Klein Karoo and Olifants River, encompassing 21 diverse districts and some 64 smaller wards, including exciting newer ones like Elim near the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas.
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 varieties, sought after wines which promise a style of elegance and flavour that will certainly surprise and delight.

Established in 1989 in the temperate Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven and Earth) Valley, 120km southeast of Cape Town, just outside the coastal town of Hermanus - lies 125 hectares (312 acres) of Walker Bay's prime viticultural land, Bouchard Finlayson Vineyard and Winery is a small cellar dedicated to the quality production of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Today, owned by the Tollman family, and under the leadership of Victoria Tollman and Peter Finlayson – regarded as the pioneer of Pinot Noir in South Africa, the name Bouchard Finlayson has been internationally synonymous with excellence.

Vines are planted on gentle slopes in a north-south direction, which takes advantage of the daily travel of sunlight from east to west and ensures equitable sunlight exposure. Vineyard practices are in keeping with planting and trellising methods of the most respected French wine-producing areas, with vine density exceeding 9000 vines per hectare. More than 50% of the vineyard is dedicated to Pinot Noir.

The climate of Walker Bay is largely influenced by the nearby, cold Atlantic Ocean rendering it one of the coolest wine growing areas in the Cape. The valley is surrounded and sheltered by a mountain barrier, formed by Galpin Peak (810 meters) and the Tower of Babel (1200 meters), which traps the cloud cover and moisture brought in from the sea by the prevailing wind. Summer conditions are consequently warm rather than hot, and winter conditions are mild and frost-free. The sea breezes work to keep vines cool thereby encouraging slow ripening and flavour-rich grapes - all you need to make world-class wines!
**White Blend**

**Bouchard Finlayson - Blanc de Mer** 2011  R50  R195
A Riesling based blend with Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay. A deep
colour with a green tinge, the palate is very rich with tastes of peaches, quinces and pear which
all blend to provide a strong and lengthy finish.

**Sauvignon Blanc**

**Bouchard Finlayson** 2011  R60  R235
Due to the proximity to the Atlantic, the wine displays some desirable pineapple, passion fruit
and kiwi. A zesty palate loaded with fruit, this explains why this is South Africa’s best
performing white varietal.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Reserve** 2010  R295
Dry, but notably fruity with cantaloupe, gooseberry and white pepper, garnished with complex
secondary tropical notes, leading to a crisp, savoury and lasting sumptuous finish!

**Chardonnay**

**Bouchard Finlayson - Sans Barrique** 2010  R70  R270
A fresh lime and kiwi nose, this unwooded wine has distinctive flinty flavour. A crisp refreshing
mouthfeel with a lingering citrus aftertaste.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Kaaimansgat** 2010  R80  R295
Quite full and exuberant, this carefully oaked wine is quite refreshing with minerally tight fruit
flavours of pear, peaches and litchis.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Limited Edition Kaaimansgat** 2010  R385
Half the wine was matured in new French oak barrels. The other had no wood influence at
all. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the wood compliments the citrus, apple and peach aromas of the
unwooded element. In your glass the wine has complex aromas of vanilla, citrus and peach
that follows through to the palate. Interesting creamy texture plus a lingering aftertaste.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Missionvale** 2009  R395
A terrior driven Chardonnay, only 30% new wood was used for a mere 7 months. The palate oozing
with citrus and stone fruit flavours fused with vanilla and hints of cantaloupe.
Red Blend

**Bouchard Finlayson - Hannibal**

2008  R130  R490

Peter Finlayson introduces to us a remarkable story of Hannibal; a triumphant military commander and famously known as the ‘father of strategy’. Sangiovese driven with Pinot Noir, Barbera, Nebiolo and Shiraz. Medium bodied with stewed prunes, Christmas cake and black cherries.

Pinot Noir

Galpin Peak is a classic Burgundy styled Pinot Noir. Subject to vintage, they display elegance and complexity with fine balance of fruit, spice and a hint of earthiness, the latter develops beautifully with age.

**Galpin Peak**

1999  R620
2008  R750
2009  R680

Galpin Peak Tête de Cuvée reveals the art of fine winemaking; only the best grapes from a good vintage and the best barrels during maturation are used to craft this classy Bugundian styled Pinot.

**Tête de Cuvée**

1999  R2150
2002  R2150
2003  R2150
2005  R2150
2006  R2150
2007  R1455

CWG (Cape Winemakers Guild) is a group of South Africa’s top wine producers. Membership is by invitation only and is extended to winemakers recognised for their high standards of craftsmanship who have been responsible for producing outstanding wines for a minimum of five years and who continue to do so. Peter Finlayson, a legendary Pinot Noir producer, has carefully selected his best fruit, best barrels from an exceptional vintage to make these elite wines.

**CWG Pinot Noir**

2007  R2400
2007  R6200
2009  R2330
### SPARKLING WINE

Nederburg Cuvee Brut  
NV  
R30

### METHOD CAP CLASSIQUE & CHAMPAGNE

- **Miss Molly MCC**: NV  
  R40
- **Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel MCC**: 2010  
  R45
- **Pierre Jourdan Belle Rose MCC**: NV  
  R60
- **Guy Cadel Brut Champagne**: NV  
  R115

### WHITE WINE

- **Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer – White Blend**: 2011  
  R50
- **Bouchard Finlayson – Sauvignon Blanc**: 2011  
  R60
- **Anura - Sauvignon Blanc**: 2011  
  R35
- **Backsberg – Chardonnay**: 2010  
  R45
- **Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat – Chardonnay**: 2010  
  R75
- **Bouchard Finlayson Sans Barrique – Chardonnay**: 2010  
  R70
- **Waterford Pecan Stream - Chenin Blanc**: 2011  
  R35
- **Jordan – Real McCoy Rhine Riesling**: 2010  
  R45
- **Bovlei – Beaukett**: NV  
  R25

### ROSE WINE

- **Grangehurst Cape Rosé Blend**: 2009  
  R35

### RED WINES

- **Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal – Red Blend**: 2008  
  R130
- **Buitenverwachting – Cabernet Sauvignon**: 2007  
  R65
- **Groote Post - Merlot**: 2010  
  R60
- **David Finlayson - Pinot Noir**: 2011  
  R70
- **Elgin Vintners Agama – Red Blend**: 2007  
  R75
- **Simonsig - Pinotage**: 2009  
  R50
- **Annex Kloof Morkel - Malbec**: 2009  
  R65
- **Glenelly the Glass Collection Shiraz**: 2010  
  R55

### SWEET WINES

- **Waterford Heatherleigh NLH**: NV  
  R50
- **Klein Constantia Vin de Constance**: 2006  
  R120
- **Vondeling Straw wine**: 2007  
  R60
- **Rudera NLH**: 2010  
  R65
Flights of Wine

Fasten your seat belt and explore the world of Wines. Join us in a vinous flight to sample and compare some of South Africa’s best wines. Side by side expertly presented by Gregory our Sommelier as an aperitif or with your meal – a wine experience awaits you!

The Sense of Bouchard Finlayson
Let me introduce you to a tasting which captures the soul of Bouchard Finlayson. R110

A Journey of Sauvignons
This will display the diversity of South Africa’s wine regions and the versatility of Sauvignon Blanc. R65

The Gentle Giants
Full bodied yet extremely refined and elegant. These wines are at their optimum drinking stage. R85

What’s Hip, Hot & Trendy
Wines that break with traditions! A selection of wines from our most eccentric, adventurous and unorthodox wine makers. R70

A Vinous First Class Flight
A selection of my favourite wines that will leave you satisfied that South African Wines are world class! R145

Gregory’s wine pairing tips in relation to the current menu:

Crayfish and Prawn Cocktail
Crayfish and Queen prawn cocktail with fresh lettuce, rocket, avocado and lime segments, dressed with a piquant Marie rose sauce.

Recommended wine: Delaire Graff Estate Chenin Blanc 2011

Steak Tartar
Beef fillet, spiced tomato waver, pickles, smoked paprika sherry soaked currents, caper compote and sauce Bearnaise

Recommended wine: David Finlayson Pinot Noir 2011

Grilled Seafood Platter
Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa’s “must do platter” packed with a great selection of fresh seafood.

Recommended wine: Bouchard Finlayson - Blanc de Mer 2011

Springbok
fillet, celeriac cream, roasted radish, orange tapioca and sultana caper paste

Recommended wine: Glenelly the Glass Collection Shiraz 2010
Methodé Cap Classique

Robertson

Graham Beck Brut NV R270
This Chardonnay and Pinot noir blend has abounding brioche, golden delicious apples and yeasty aromas. A rich and creamy palate, quite fresh and refreshing. A great wine from a great winemaker.

Pongrácz NV R250
Named after a very well known Hungarian viticulturist Desiderius Pongrácz, the late Chief Advisor to Distell. Rich and complex with a lovely mouthfeel, great lingering aftertaste loaded with baked apple.

Pongrácz Rosé NV R295
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.

Franschhoek

Môreson - Solitaire NV R235
With a Lovely pale golden colour, this blanc de blanc went through a deservingly long bottle maturation to achieve the biscuity, yeasty and marzipan undertones. A delicious crispy mouthfeel with the aromas on the nose following through.

Pierre Jourdan - Belle Rosé NV R310
Internal berry fermentation/ carbonic maceration of the Pinot Noir grapes add the fruit and refreshiness.

Stellenbosch

Simonsig - Kaapse Vonkel 2010 R260
A pioneer MCC in South Africa, this current vintage has floral and citrus fused with biscuit aromas that follow through to the rich mousse palate. Exquisite to sip on its own and can pair very well with a lot of dishes.

Waterford Brut 2000 R795
After 5 years on the lees and three years bottle maturation, this rare gem has turned to be one of the finest sparkling wines. An exciting straw colour with loads of flavour and a rich but fine mousse.

Tulbagh

Twee Jong Gezellen Estate - Krone Rose Cuvee Brut R230
Lovely salmon colour with whiffs of strawberry, brioche and rose petals. A pleasant frothy mousse, quite refreshing drinking on its own as well as partnered with some fine cuisines.

Sparkling Wines

Du Toitskloof Brut Rawsonville NV R135
Very easy drinking fruity bubbly with golden delicious apple.

Nederburg - Cuvée Brut Paarl NV R145
A crowd pleaser best described as crispy, dry and refreshing.
## Champagne

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<td>Chardonnay driven, well aged and a light dosage added resulting with natural purity great freshness and elegance.</td>
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<td>Laurent Perrier - Ultra Brut</td>
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<td>Nearly equal parts of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir with no dosage added. Classical with depth, power and great fruit concentration.</td>
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<td>Bernard Girardin</td>
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<td>the palate is charmed with the lightness and finesse, subtle fruit and elegance making one asking for more.</td>
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<td>Bollinger - Special Cuvée</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Guy Cadel - Brut</td>
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<td>Specially labeled under The Twelve Apostle Hotel and Spa logo, there is wonderful fruit with a clean crisp and dry finish.</td>
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<td>Krug - Grande Cuvée</td>
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<td>Lifted fruit with a full-creamy palate, beautiful balance and complexity, nutty and yeast finish.</td>
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<td>Môet et Chandon - Brut Impérial</td>
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<td>Vivid bouquet, great palate weight with a gentle silkiness and finesse inspired by excellent fruitiness.</td>
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<td>Ruinart Brut</td>
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<td>delicate fruity on the nose, showing notes of pear and apples. Taste harmonious, vivacious and lively wine.</td>
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<td>Veuve Clicquot - Yellow Label</td>
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<td>It has a fine persistent sparkle and golden. Its complex nose of apple, citrus and caramel is followed by full flavours with elegance, crispness and a slightly spicy finish.</td>
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<td>Pommery Brut Royale</td>
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<td>A lovely fine mousse, creamy texture loaded with delicate flavours of roasted nuts, citrus and red fruit.</td>
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Champagne

Rose

**Laurent Perrier**
NV R1800

Full aromatic richness that evokes memories of stone fruit, mulberry and strawberry, great colour and great with fine cuisines.

**Möet et Chandon**
NV R1540

Classy and fine with a plethora of flavour and here the Pinot grape shows its true charming character.

**Veuve Clicquot**
NV R1780

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.

**Dom Pérignon**
1998 R9960

This great vintage delivers what Dom Pérignon is about. 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.

Champagne

Blanc de Blanc

**Ruinart**
NV R1960

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, cherry and plum.

**Armand de Brignac**
NV R11500

Fresh and intriguing bouquet with youthful fruit notes and floral accents. The palate reveals the Chardonnay character; crispy, citrus, dried apricots and vanilla. An authentic experience of luxury.

Demi Sec

**Möet et Chandon - Nectar Impérial**
NV R1350

Supple and smooth with slight sweetness, both a refined and sophisticated wine whose richness turns into sensuality.
## Champagne

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<td>An attractive straw yellow colour with a well developed nose. On the palate it is rich, well sustained, with a slight biscuity character from the prolonged lees ageing and a long finish of honeyed ripe fruit.</td>
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<td>It has a bright colour, with a brilliant yellow hue. Its subtle aromas of honey, hazelnuts and grilled almonds, make this the perfect companion for refined dishes.</td>
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<td>A pretty green-gold color and a toasty white bread nose with a subtle touch of litchi, apple and graphite aromas. On the palate it is flavoury and assertive with a lingering savoury finish.</td>
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<td>Yeasty aromas which gives way to a fine fruit notes, mandarin and a flowery touch of honey emerge. The exceptional intensity of the finish is long, generous, complex and silky.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Potent and complex aromas that includes candy, apple, and floral notes. Beautiful acid structure in harmony with the mousse, leaving a clean, chiseled impression of flint.</td>
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<td><strong>Armand de Brignac - Brut Gold</strong></td>
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<td>Marvelously complex and full-bodied, its bouquet is both fresh and lively, with light floral notes. The palate has a sumptuous, racy fruit character that is perfectly integrated with the brioche accents</td>
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Chardonnay  
UNWOODED

**Constantia**

**Constantia Uitsig**  
2010  R225  
Chardonnay showing lime and grapefruit characteristics on the nose which follows through to the palate.

**Walker Bay**

**Bouchard Finlayson - Sans Barrique**  
2010  R270  
A fresh lime and kiwi nose, this unwooded wine has distinctive flinty flavour. A crisp refreshing mouthfeel with a lingering citrus aftertaste.

**Stellenbosch**

**Rustenberg**  
2010  R220  
An elegant unwooded Chardonnay with fresh lemon, orange peel and cereal aromas. Zesty acid and medium bodied with a clean long citrus aftertaste.

**Franschhoek**

**Dieu Donné**  
2011  R125  
Soft and rounded with lemony undertones from the fruit and a creaminess from the lees contact.

**Wellington**

**Doolhof**  
2009  R130  
Notes of pear and passion fruit on the nose, with lovely peach flavors on the palate. Well rounded with a limey sweet-fruit finish.

**Robertson**

**De Westhof Bon Vallon**  
2011  R180  
A well crafted wine from gravely soils that is extremely rich with lime. Intense Granny Smith apples, peaches and citrus, quite refreshing with hints of minerlity with a lingering apple aftertaste.
Chardonnay
Wooded

**Walker Bay**

**Bouchard Finlayson – Kaaimansgat 2010**
R295
Packed with minerally tight fruit flavours of pear, peaches and litchis resting on over-laying hints of oak, vanilla and autolized yeasts. Strong nutty components will evolve over time to create complexity and enhanced flavours.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Limited Edition Kaaimansgat 2010**
R385
Half the wine was matured in new French oak barrels. The other had no wood influence at all. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the wood compliments the citrus, apple and peach aromas of the unwooded element. In your glass the wine has complex aromas of vanilla, citrus and peach that follows through to the palate. Interesting creamy texture plus a lingering aftertaste.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Missionvale 2009**
R395
A terrior driven Chardonnay, only 30% new wood was used for a mere 7 months. The palate oozing with citrus and stone fruit flavours fused with vanilla and hints of cantaloupe.

**Ataraxia 2009**
R465
there is a profusion of fruit, especially stone fruits, ripe pear and lime which masquerades the wood character which becomes evident on the rich, medium bodied palate.

**Hamilton Russell 2008**
R715
An old world styled wine and terrior driven. Very complex nose and great follow through. Intense fruit flavours are in perfect harmony with the wood character with an interesting minerality.

**Elgin**

**Oak valley 2010**
R325
Oak Valley is a Champion member of the Biodiversity and wine initiative. A Chardonnay with a brilliant pale golden colour. A forthcoming nose loaded with ripe peach, honey and almonds and the wood is adding complexity and body.
Chardonnay

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Stellenbosch

Meerlust 2009 R445
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.

Vergelegen 2010 R260
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.

Uva Mira 2010 R450
ABC( anything but chardonnay) is a thing of the past. This wine displays careful handling of oak expect ebullient aromas of lime and peach, with beautiful mineral notes and excellent oak integration. Dense flavour’s of citrus with a creamy complexity with a rich intense finish that lingers forever.

Paarl

Glen Carlou 2010 R240
A vibrant green colour with a golden hue. Hints of citrus, Granny Smith apples and stone fruits. An Excellent follow through to the palate, medium in body with a lingering lemon drops finish.

Backsberg 2010 R170
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.

Franschhoek

Glenwood 2010 R325
A beautiful and harmonious balance of wood and fruit integration. A full, complex and creamy mouth feel. Aromas of smokey peach together with citrus notes that lingers and invites for another sip.
Sauvignon Blanc

**Constantia**

**Steenberg** 2011 R240
Distinctive tropical notes of litchi and gooseberry on the nose, fading with hints of green pepper and asparagus. A zesty acidity ensures a firm and lingering aftertaste.

**Elgin**

**Elgin Vintners** 2009 R145
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** 2011 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.

**Walker Bay**

**Bouchard Finlayson** 2011 R60 R235
Due to the proximity to the Atlantic, the wine displays some desirable pineapple, passion fruit and kiwi. A zesty palate loaded with fruit, this explains why this is South Africa’s best performing white varietal.

**Bouchard Finlayson - Reserve** 2010 R295
Dry, but notably fruity with cantaloupe, gooseberry and white pepper, garnished with complex secondary tropical notes, leading to a crisp, savoury and lasting sumptuous finish!

**Stellenbosch**

**Jordan - Barrel Fermented** 2008 R230
A typical Blanc fume, here the use carefully selected barrels are giving this Loire varietal the complexity and body but not masquerading fruit component. True varietal expression; citrus, grass and bell pepper with hints of toast. Very refreshing and zesty.

**Saxenburg** 2011 R210
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.

**Paarl/Wellington**

**Anura** 2011 R120
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.
## Sauvignon Blanc

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<td>A well made cool climate wine, a great example of a new world Sauvignon. Canned peas, green grass and hints of tropical fruit define the palate, while the palate has a crispy citrus finish.</td>
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Chenin Blanc

Napier

Jean Daneel - Signature 2009 R295
Lovely forthcoming fruit with a hint of wood character adding complexity and palate weight. Quite complex and the palate is so smooth with honey and a seductive tropical freshness that makes one eager sip on.

Stellenbosch

Forrester Meinert Chenin - FMC 2009 R780
A world class Chenin Blanc with hints of botrytis. One of the most harmonious wines I have ever tasted, a perfectly made wine to please even the most critical palate. Whiffs of ginger, honeycomb and complex layers of nuts.

Waterford's Pecan Stream 2011 R120
Bright golden colour with a green tinge. Ripe winter melon and pineapple aromas dominate. Full, rich palate, lifted by great acidity, very refreshing, excellent mouth-feel.

Teddy Hall Reserve 2010 R285
A classic example made by one of Chenin doyens in the country. Lovely-intense nose packed with ripe tropical fruit, honey and almonds.

Villiera 2011 R125
The wine has intense fruit with a hint of wood spice on the nose, including pineapple and citrus.

Franschhoek

Môreson 2009 R205
The nose shows aromas of pear drops, white peach and apple with chalkiness. The palate is fresh and zesty leaving behind flavours of lime and quince.

Cederberg

Cederberg 2011 R185
An authentic cape Chenin Blanc that is age worthy. Melon, grapefruit and pineapple nose with a crispy palate, medium bodied due to the five months of lees contact.

Swartland

Delaire Graff Estate Chenin Blanc 2010 R230
With the fruits sourced from Swartland, this sophisticated Chenin Blanc has layers of flavours that remind one of citrus, honey and almonds.
Riesling

Elgin

**Paul Cluver Close Encounter** 2011 R285
Crafted from a noble variety. A great wine that showcase perfect sugar and acid balance, aromatic, ginger and citrus nose. For the semi sweet white wine lovers, this is for you.

Stellenbosch

**Thelema** 2009 R160
Citrus blossom flavours and lime fruit, interesting crisp acidity and sugar levels, making a wine a great food partner.

**Jordan Real McCoy** 2010 R210
An off dry 100% Weisser Riesling with intense lemon-lime flavours. A crisp fruitiness and hints ginger. Great sugar, acid and alcohol balance.

Viognier

Elgin

**Topaz** 2009 R285
Acumen, hard work and passion came together to showcase what Elgin can deliver from this Rhone varietal. Elegant with intense peach and apricot aromas. A persistent follow through to the palate where there is a hint of sweetness. Great with spicy dishes.

Stellenbosch

**Pax Verbatim - Rockwater Fountain** 2010 R210
A brilliant pale golden colour, the nose is quite inviting with ripe stone fruit and hints of floral. Medium body with a distinctive minerlity and a lingering apricot finish.

**The Foundry** 2009 R230
Quite aromatic with complex aromas with lots of fruit, this fruit intensity masks the wood character but it will reveal on the palate with desirable body and a roasted pine nut finish.

Other White Wine Varietals

France/Alsace

**Hugel Pinot Gris** 2003 R550
Straw gold colour, with quite a few flashes of green, it shows good depth and intensity. The bouquet is soft, supple and gently fruit driven fused with some pronounced tertiary aromas. The palate reveals a fine acid structure mingled with rich, ripe fruit and smooth mouthfeel.

Stellenbosch

**Delheim Gewürztraminer** 2011 R195
Floral and litchi aromas, complemented by hints of lime. Elegant, with a good balance between sugar and acidity.

Wellington

**Bovlei Beaufett** N/V R90
Off dry, quite aromatic, light and a very popular summer wine to be enjoyed slightly spicy cuisine.
**Blended White Wines**

**Umbria, Italy**

**Cantina Novelli Bianco IGT**
- 2009
- R240

Mediterranean style

The fragrance evokes memories of yellow fruit, pineapple, peach and apricot. Refreshing to the palate, and finishes with soft-tangy notes. A fine, bright and zesty wine, its characteristics are immediately expressed. Thin on the mouth and extremely drinkable.

**Cape Point**

**Cape Point Isliedhl**
- 2010
- R600

Bordeaux Style

Fusion of tropical fruit, lime, vanilla and spice complimented by a mineral note. Crispy acidity, great balance and a pronounced refreshing aftertaste.

**Walker Bay**

**Bouchard Finlayson - Blanc de Mer**
- 2011
- R50
- R195

Mediterranean Style

A Riesling based blend with Viognier, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Semillon. A deep colour with a green tinge, the palate is very rich with tastes of peaches, quinces and pear which all blend to provide a strong and lengthy finish.

**Constantia**

**Buitenverwachting - Buiten Blanc**
- 2011
- R130

Cape Blend

Sauvignon Blanc based and showing delicate green pepper, asparagus and pear are the consistent characteristics which this wine has become famous for.

**Constantia Uitsig**
- 2010
- R350

Bordeaux Style

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.

**Steenberg - Magna Carta**
- 2007
- R995

Bordeaux Style

This Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon blend showcases the farms identity with the wine maker perfectly blending hand in hand. Canned peas, green pepper and lively tropical fruit while the palate has that pear and peach flavours.

**Stellenbosch**

**Bizoe - Henrietta**
- 2010
- R380

Bordeaux Style

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 extra-ordinary touch of spice and vanilla.

**Dornier Donatus - White**
- 2009
- R315

Cape Blend

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.
### Rosé

#### Stellenbosch

**Grangehurst - Cape Rosé Blend**
- **2009**
- **R140**
- A dry rosé blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Merlot, Chenin Blanc and Shiraz. Bright, dark pink colour, red berry nose with whiffs of spice.

**Waterford - Rose-Mary**
- **2010**
- **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.

#### Somerset west

**Morgenster Caruso**
- **2010**
- **R195**
- Named after Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian tenor whose powerful voice was celebrated for its eloquence and richness. In this case Sangiovese is the grape behind the magic. A very sexy and refreshing strawberry coloured wine. Pomegranate and cinnamon rocks the palate and it is a food wine too. Enjoy!

#### Paarl

**Avondale Camissa**
- **2010**
- **R310**
- An organic wine, Muscat de Frontignan driven with a splash of Mouvredre. Quite aromatic; Turkish delights, litchi and floral with a hint of spice. Dry and well balanced on the palate and a refreshing litchi aftertaste.

**Nederburg - Foundation**
- **2011**
- **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.
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 originate from the Tollman’s family private wine collection in London and have been expertly cellared to retain and enhance all the great characteristics these wines are known for.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

Constantia

**Buitenverwachting** 2007 R265
This wine offers strong berry flavours reminiscent of blackcurrant and ripe cherries with elegant mineral and cigar-box characters. Bottle maturation has helped to achieve well refined tannins.

**Klein Constantia** 2009 R400
Blackcurrant fruit, chocolate and menthol notes. The palate reveals dense tannins, spice and chocolate. Complex and full bodied with a lingering aftertaste.

Stellenbosch

**Alto** 2009 R369
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.

**Dornier** 2006 R215
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.

**Rust en Vrede** 2008 R450
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** 2007 R500
Complex and stylish, with bags of ripe blackcurrant and coffee flavours. This wine is bone dry, yet exhibits a lovely sweet fruit character on the palate. The finish is long and firm.

**Le Riche Reserve** 2008 R645
A founder of the Cape Winemakers Guild, Etienne le Riche the cellar master and owner believes in traditional winemaking. Multi layered nose showing ripe cherry, spice and tobacco aromas. Full bodied yet gentle, elegant and juicy tannins with an enchanting finish.

**Graham Beck** 2008 R257
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.

Paarl

**Anura Reserve** 2006 R230
Incredibly complex flavours of cassis, spice and minty flavours. A delicious wine with bolder, yet approachable tannins. Anura: amphibians that is clear on the label a tribute to these tailless creatures.

**Robertson**

**Springfield Whole Berry** 2010 R285
Great varietal expression with notes Lovely red and dark fruit flavours with a velvety texture, refined tannin structure due to the whole berry maceration.
Merlot

Constantia

**Steenberg**  2009  R325
Deep purple with incredible fruit concentration, violets, eucalyptus and spearmint on the nose; black and red berry intensity on the palate, together with rich but subtle oak flavors and ripe tannins.

Elgin

**Shannon Vineyards Mount Bullet**  2009  R715
Full bodied multi-layered wine displaying notes of prunes, dark chocolate, berries and spice. Each sip demands careful attention. To me this a Merlot redefined.

Stellenbosch

**Dombeya**  2008  R215
Lovely red berry ripe plum and black cherry flavours. Well structured with tight tannins that are complemented with dark chocolate flavours.

**Meerlust**  2008  R550
plum and mulberry fruit, lifted by an underlying spiciness on the nose and the palate offers generous, ripe, pure Merlot fruit with refreshing acidity, structured yet silky tannins and pronounced length.

**Radford Dale**  2008  R350
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.

Darling

**Groote Post**  2010  R220
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.

Paarl

**Veenwouden**  2009  R570
Red forest fruits fused with dark chocolate. The palate has an underlying acidity with rich, ripe fruit, soft tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Durbanville

**Meerendel Reserve**  2007  R625
Dark fruit, chocolate and almonds. Rich, silky tannins on the palate combine with the ripe fruit flavours ending in a juicy wine with great balance and elegance.
Pinot Noir

Walker Bay

**Bouchard Finlayson - Galphin Peak**
This bottling is rich with luscious soft tannins and dark-coloured forest fruits, deftly balanced on a cord of lingering plum and raspberry delights.

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**Bouchard Finlayson - Tête de Cuvée**
Galphin Peak Tête de Cuvée reveals the art of fine winemaking; only the best grapes from a good vintage and the best barrels during maturation are used to craft this classy Burgundian styled Pinot.

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**Bouchard Finlayson - CWG**
CWG (Cape Winemakers Guild) is a group of South Africa’s top wine producers. Membership is by invitation only and is extended to winemakers recognised for their high standards of craftsmanship who have been responsible for producing outstanding wines for a minimum of five years and who continue to do so. Peter Finlayson, a legendary Pinot Noir producer, has carefully selected his best fruit, best barrels from an exceptional vintage to make these elite wines.

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**Hamilton Russell**
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.

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Upper Hemel en Aarde Valley

**Newton Johnson**
A classic new world red Burgundy packed with flavours of Black cherry, spice, and mushroom. Well polished tannins and the mineral earthy character marry well with the long delicious finish. This is a food wine due to its versatility to pair with a variety of dishes.

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**Elgin**

**Thelema Sutherland**
A New World style, red fruit with hint of cinnamon spice, the palate is light but complex with a cranberry aftertaste.

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**Catherine Marshall Six barrels**
Only six great barrels selected from this vintage, Cathy captures the exquisite grape of Bourgogne’s seductive quality and Elgin terrior.

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**Paarl**

**Glen Carlou**
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.

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Western Cape

**David Finlayson**
Delicious fruit concentration fused with some earthiness and hints of spice. Authentic Pinot expression showing characteristics of both Old and new world style harmonised in a bottle.

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Shiraz

Elgin

Sanctum 2005 R315
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.

Constantia

Eagles Nest 2009 R575
Typical cool climate Shiraz with a rich, fresh, dark-plum colour. White pepper tones are complemented with dark red berry fruit and hints of violets.

Stellenbosch

Thelema 2008 R300
An elegant new world styled wine, surely rich and robust. This exuberant wine shows ripe black fruit and spice, with lovely toasty finish. Full bodied.

Hartenberg - The Stork 2006 R300
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.

The Foundry 2006 R385
Plum, white pepper and a trace of cloves on the nose, great follow through and the palate reveals well integrated tannins, fine balance and complexity.

Glenelly the Glass Collection Shiraz 2010 R210
A top class South African wine with a French influence; a wine made by May-Eliane de Lencquesaing, who for over 30 years was owner of the famous Bordeaux Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac Grand Cru Classé. Intense fruit complexity with a well polished tannin structure.

Waterford - Kevin Arnold 2008 R400
A complex nose packed with layers of spice, chicory, mocha, white pepper and red fruit. Full bodied with a dark chocolate aftertaste.

Zorgvliet 2004 R295
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.

Pax Verbatim Blazing Hill 2007 R335
Showing characteristics of bottle maturation, this lovely Shiraz is powerful yet elegant on the palate with berry fruit and notes of herbs and black pepper.

Rainbow’s End Reserve 2009 R315
Captivating spicy plum, floral flavours with whiffs of lavender. Refined tannin structure with a silky smooth finish.

Franschhoek

Boekenhoutskloof Porcupine Ridge 2010 R150
Dark chocolate, plum and spicy nose with a succulent palate. Great velvety texture with a clove finish.

Swartland

Mullineux Syrah 2009 R500
True varietal expression: lovely perfumy, prunes, black pepper and rosemary notes. Full bodied and spicy with silky smooth tannins and an amazing everlasting finish.
## Pinotage

### Stellenbosch

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<td>Perfectly cellared for you enjoyment. This rare gem is has an elegant secondary characteristics yet bursting with fruit. Well polished tannins, full bodied and savoury on the palate.</td>
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<td>An 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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Other Red Varietals

France/Rousillon

**Domain Grier Grenache** 2007 R235
The wine shows classic red berry fruit and cherries with a hint of spice and underlying vanilla chocolate. A pleasant rich soft mouth feel yet well structured.

Stellenbosch

**Rainbows End - Cabernet Franc** 2009 R315
Lovely earthy and tea leaf flavors. Typical vegetative and herbaceous aromas with floral and fynbos tones. Juicy palate, with layers of dark chocolate and a hint of coffee complimented with a fine tannin structure.

**Blaauwklippen Zinfandel** 2006 R290
Zinfandel is believed to have originated in Croatia and Blaauwklippen is one of the leading producers of this varietal locally. The wine has Ripe red fruit flavours; the palate reveals fruit intensity with a refined tannin structure.

Franschhoek

**Antonij Rupert Terra Del Capo Sangiovese** 2009 R185
Raspberry, black cherry and spice. Lovely fresh raspberry and black cherry spice makes an immediate impact on the palate and nutmeg spice adds complexity.

Paarl

**Anura – Signature Grenache** 2007 R330
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.

Swartland

**Annex Kloof - Malbec** 2009 R225
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.
Blended Red Wines

Mendoza, Argentina

Bodegas Salentein Numina Malbec/Merlot 2008 R475
Argentina has been making fine wines with this varietal; here Merlot is blended in to give the wine its fruitiness and juicy palate complimented with refined tannins.

Elgin

Elgin Vintners - Agama 2007 R275
Bordeaux Style
Dense, cherry red in colour, teamed up with aromas of caramel and cinnamon. This multi-faceted combination of fruit flows through onto the palate where subtle hints of spicy pepper and liquorice integrate with the subtle tannins - an outstanding wine!

Walker Bay

Bouchard Finlayson - Hannibal 2008 R490
Mediterranean Style
Sangiovese driven with Pinot Noir, Barbera, Nebiolo and Shiraz. Medium bodied with stewed prunes, Christmas cake and black cherries.

Hermanspietersfontein de Martha 2008 R440
Rhone style
Syrah driven with Mourvèdre, Viognier and a splash of Grenache. Black olive, spice, and violets aromas. well rounded tannins, structured and full bodied with a clean lengthy finish.

Stellenbosch

De Toren - Fusion V 2008 R780
Bordeaux Style
A fusion of five Bordeaux varietal mingling to chant out ripe blackcurrant, cinnamon, caramel and liquorish flavours. Ripe tannin structure with a full palate, great with our beef fillet.

Meerlust Rubicon
Bordeaux Style
One of South Africa’s very finest Bordeaux style blend. There has been consistency in quality over the years and I have selected some of the finest vintages. Usually Cabernet driven with intense dark fruit flavours and red fruits, these wines are great with time.

Vintage 1994 R1200
Vintage 2007 R700

Grangehurst - Nikela 2001 R440
Cape Blend
Inspired by the fact that Cape finest wines are age worthy, Jeremy Walker only releases his gems at least fours years after harvest. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinotage give the wine its backbone, fruit intensity and fine tannins.

Rust en Vrede Estate 2008 R800
Cape Blend
A vibrant blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz. Outstanding aromas of fennel, rosemary with hints of espresso and blackberries.
**Vergelegen - “V”**
2007 R1870
Bordeaux Style
Complex and classy, showing blackcurrant, cedar wood, lead pencil and cigar box aromas. 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.

**Warwick - Trilogy**
2009 R610
Bordeaux Style
A trio of Bordeaux varietals namely Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. An interesting full bodied, complex with flavours like blackcurrant, cigar box, dark chocolate and hints of earthiness.

**Waterford - The Jem**
2005 R1750
Cape Blend
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.

**Western Cape**

**G.**
2010 R2 750
Legendary winemakers Giorgio Dalla Cia and Denis Dubourdieu team up with young talents to establish the “First Growth of the Cape”. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Franc; selected from twelve different vineyards across the Western Cape. Spicy, peppery aromas with notes of eucalyptus and artichokes over a subtle background of dried plums and cassis. Full-bodied, with dark berries and a hint of juniper. Deeply integrated tannins provide a lengthy finish.

**Paarl**

**Avondale - Jonty’s Ducks**
2008 R225
Cape Style
Organic wine oozing lots of red cherry fruit, with liquorice, dark chocolate and ground coffee. The fruits flavours explode on the palate in a soft and elegant taste. The wine is medium full-bodied and lingers on well during the aftertaste.

**Vilafonté - Series C**
2006 R915
Bordeaux Style
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**
2007 R740
Bordeaux Style
Seductive aromas of red plums and black raspberries, with a distinctive spicy note and floral undertones. The palate is soft, with velvet tannins up front, lovely and bright fruit flavours.

**France/Rousillon**

**Domaine Grier - Crusade**
2006 R395
Rhone Blend
Powerful with huge structure and great length. Dark berry fruit dominates but there is abundant spice. A harmonic blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre.
Kosher Wines
The wine is Muvushal and kosher for Passover. Made under the auspices of the Cape Town Beth Din and the OU of the United States.

Paarl

**Backsberg Methode Cap Classique** 2008 R335
A Blanc de Blanc style: made exclusively from Chardonnay grapes., lively and extremely fine mousse. A creamy palate packed with citrus fruit and brioche

**Backsberg Chardonnay** 2010 R205
Great varietal expression, pure citrus flavours, medium bodied with a great mouthfeel due to the lees contact. Lovely lingering lime aftertaste.

**Backsberg Merlot** 2010 R220
Offers juicy plum and raspberry fruit, and would be a happy accompaniment to the Passover meal, or in fact, and meal throughout the year.

Dessert Wines

Noble Late Harvest

**Stellenbosch**

**Rudera** 2010 R65 / R365
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 R50 / R265
Opulent botrytis dessert, wafts apricots, almonds and a complex luxurious sweet sugar with cleansing acidity.

Natural Sweet

**Constantia**

**Klein Constantia - Vin de Constance** 2006 R120 / R910
The legendary dessert wine crafted from Muscat De Frontignan grapes. Super concentrated with great sugar, acid and alcohol balance. Classy with flavours that reminds one of litchi, dried mango, orange marmalade and vanilla.

Straw wine

**Voor Paardeberg**

**Vondeling Sweet Carolyn** 2007 R60 / R435
Muscat de Frontignan led blend with Chenin Blanc gathered from old bush vines. After drying the sugar-rich berries on straw mates, great sugar and acid concentration occurs producing a delicious wine with Intense dried stone fruits, matured honey and ginger aromas.
Fortified Wines

Sherry

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

Port

Douro

Cockburns White  Gls  R35

Calitzdorp

Axe Hill Cape Vintage  2006  R40
Axe Hill Dry White  NV  R36

Boplaas Cape Tawny  NV  R22
Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve  2006  R42

De Kraans Cape Ruby  NV  R22

Peter Baylys Cape Vintage  2006  R36
Peter Baylys Dry White  2007  R36

Swartland

Allesverloren  2006  R18
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Water List

Tap Water is available for your enjoyment, our 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**  
Paarl  
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.

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**Karoo**  
Paarl  
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.

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**Evian**  
France  
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.

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**Voss**  
Norway  
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.

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Varieties and Styles at a Glance

MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE
In 1971 the first “Sparkling Wine” in South Africa was released by the Simonsig Estate. This heralded an exciting new phase in South African wine making circles. In 1992 a group of like-minded South African winemakers who had a passion for bottle fermented Sparkling wine, made according to the traditional Champenoise Méthode, joined forces to form the Cap Classique Producer’s Association. The Association’s vision if two fold was to promote South Africa’s premium Méthode Cap Classique wines (MCC) and to ensure that MCC becomes the generic term for these wines, which will enable them to take their rightful place on the world stage. We are pleased to be able to offer you some of South Africa’s finest MCC’s.

CHARDONNAY
Probably the most popular white wine in the world – well liked for its combination of versatility and classicism. It is a noble variety from which the famous white wines of Burgundy are made. Cape winemakers increasingly use it as the basis of Cap Classique sparkling wines. Full-bodied Chardonnays go especially well with creamy dishes, poultry and most types of fish. Medium bodied Chardonnays can be enjoyed with smoked salmon, terrines and cheese.

VIOGNIER
Not a widely planted grape in South Africa. Throughout the rest of the world, it is a rare but fashionable cultivar, found mainly in the Rhone Valley in France. It produces a full-bodied wine and is often wood matured.

WHITE BLENDS
A new wave of excellent Bordeaux styled wines containing Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are making headlines all over the world. The other dominant white blend style steers more to the Mediterranean making use of varieties such as Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Grenache Blanc and Rousanne.

SAUVIGNON BLANC
Certainly one of the most fashionable wines in “The New World”. The Loire Valley is its home, where it established the reputation for racy white wines. With distinctive fruity flavours and crisp green freshness, this varietal will better suit lighter dishes such as fresh fish and seafood salads.

GEWÜRZTRAMINER
Gewürztraminer is one of the most distinctive of all white table wines. It possesses a bold, exotically flowery aroma reminiscent of litchi, nuts, rose petals, clove and honeysuckle. The wine has full-bodied texture and intensely spicy flavours. Gewürztraminer is a wine to enjoy with Oriental dishes and is the ultimate selection for the person who does not like a too dry nor too sweet wine.

BUKETTRAUBE
Originally this wine came from the Alsace region. South Africa is one of the few wine producing countries to bottle it as a single variety. The wine has a slightly Muscat nose with tropical fruit-salad, dried peach and apricot flavours.
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CHENIN BLANC
“Some Cape Chenin Blancs have real Old World charm: firm natural acidity, several quite distinctive fruit characters, a light citrus style, a more tropical style which is midway between grapefruit and pineapple.

RHINE RIESLING
Of all the classic white varieties, it is perhaps the most notable for its longevity, developing extraordinary complexity in the bottle over many years and maintaining that peak performance for many more. Enjoy with lightly spiced dishes and fruity desserts.

SÉMILLON
Semillon is considered to be one of the first grape varieties brought from Europe to the Cape. It once dominated the South African vineyards – to the tune of 90% in the 1820’s. It now takes up less than one per cent of total vineyard surface. This is largely due to sheer ignorance of this noble varieties identity and provenance. Great accompaniment to any fish dish, particularly prawns and mussels.

RED BLENDS
The exact definition of a Cape Style red blend has yet to be decided. There seems to be consensus that the wine should contain our own grape Pinotage. Though in what percentage seems to be the sticking point. That said the wines below offer some of the finer South African blends. The Bordeaux style wines obviously contain either all or some of the classic Bordeaux grapes. Rhone styled wines are usually lead by Syrah and complemented by Grenache and Mourvedre.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Cabernet is King! Long live the King! The Cape’s sure success with Cabernet soon gave rise to consideration of the potential to make the type of blend that gave Bordeaux its star status. In the early 80’s this classic tradition of combining Cabernet with Merlot and Cabernet Franc resulted in what is still loosely referred to as “Bordeaux-Style” red blends. Together, they make magic!

CABERNET FRANC
Cabernet Franc, the baby Cabernet, is a black grape variety originating in France and is similar in character to Cabernet Sauvignon. Although generally lighter in tannins and body, it possesses many similar flavours including black cherry, cassis, chocolate, vanilla, spice, and cloves. Cabernet Franc is more likely to have a vegetal or bell-peppery aroma or flavour. Because it is mellower and matures more quickly than Cabernet Sauvignon, it is often used in blending heavier Cabernet’s.

MERLOT
All the characteristics that make Merlot so masterfully complementary to Cabernet Sauvignon mark it as a great solo act too. It is the feminine counterpart to Cabernet’s masculinity, filling out its partner’s almost aromatic herbaceousness and firm, austere structure with fleshy fruit, soft acids, silky tannins and accessible drinkability.
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PINOTAGE
Developed by Prof. Abraham Perold in 1925, Pinotage is the result of a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault (then known as Hermitage). The wine boasts the truly distinctive sweetness of red berry fruit with a characteristic banana-like aroma and flavour.

SHIRAZ / SYRAH
Unsung Shiraz, underrated and understated, but Cape Shiraz offers wine lovers’ unplumbed depths of pleasure. The range of Shiraz styles in the Cape are evidence of this grape’s generous bounty. Its response to wood extends the flavours even further, with winemakers enhancing its soft sweetness with the vanillins imparted by American Oak: Others believe in classic French Oak to balance its rich fruit and savoury spiciness. Accompany with red meat dishes with sweet and spicy overtones.

PINOT NOIR
Unpredictable in the vineyard, difficult in the cellar, Pinot Noir is nevertheless able to make one of the world's great red wines. Pinot Noir is like a ballerina, fine-tuned and en pointe. It has a rare fluidity, a delicacy, a beguiling beauty that belies an underlying power and structural strength, responsible for an unexpected ability to age.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORT
As with the production of all wines in South Africa there are no hard and fast rules as to where a wine should or for that matter not be made. Calitzdorp, just outside Oudtshoorn, is the proclaimed capital of port in South Africa. However there are a number of other Estates, some which are quite some distance from Calitzdorp, which produce very fine Ports. This demonstrates the incredible scope and versatility of wine making in South Africa.

NOBLE LATE HARVEST
Each year those wine makers who produce these wines wait for the appearance of Botrytis Cinerea (Noble Rot) to appear on the grapes. The climatic conditions have to be just right. Too cold or too wet or too hot and the harvest will not succeed. This micro-organism reduces the moisture of the grape and concentrates its sugars, and the fungus adds specific character to the eventual wine. Yield from these vines is low and the costs high. This explains the higher price of these wines. However the liquid gold in the bottles is well worth it.

NATURAL SWEET
The most famous wine in this category must be the Vin De Constance known for more than 300 years. Grapes ripen on the vine until raisined with sugar and acidity being concentrated. Very challenging as birds and bees have also discovered the luscious taste of these treasured grapes.
South African Vintages

Choosing a wine based only on vintage can be misleading. In any given vintage there are good and bad wines. The growing conditions from Walker Bay to Calitzdorp to Worcester to the Swartland vary greatly and this would obviously have to be taken into account when looking at the vintage. In addition the winemakers will tell you that it is skill and expertise that count. Added to this is the fact that, unlike France, South African winemakers are not restricted in where they should grow what grape. This means that whilst a particular year may not have been favourable to, for instance, Pinot Noir it may have been great for Shiraz. However, the vintage of a wine does give a general indication of the growing and ripening conditions of that particular year and thereby some clues as to what one might expect. As with all wines it is always important to remember that the wine is made in the vineyard and not in the cellar.

2010 Tricky in the vineyards, great in the cellar. South African vintners are pleased with their 2010 harvest, despite an erratic growing season and severely reduced yields. Following a cold, wet winter, spring was delayed and bud break was two weeks later than normal. The early growing season saw excessive winds, which hampered flowering, resulting in yields that were 20 percent lower than usual.

2009 It is fitting that as South Africa records 350 years of wine making, 2009 has delivered what promise to be a great vintage on white and red wines. Having both red and white perform so well in the same vintage is probably what sets 2009 apart from other years.

2008 After a late start, winter 2008 was like cape winters of old-plentiful rain and cold, with snow on the mountains. The conditions bolstered both dam and water table levels, and send the vines into deep dormancy. Good snow and frost was experienced in the eastern areas of Carlitzdorp and Klein Karoo.

2007 Started hot and fast, ended with rain and lower temperatures. High hopes for elegant, structured whites, notably Sauvignon. Smaller red-grape varieties resulted intense colour and fruit concentration, especially for Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

2006 Excellent and largely problem free (though complicated by Western Cape Power cuts). Perhaps the best white-wine vintage in a decade – Particularly expressive Sauvignon and expressive Chenin Blanc's. Fleshy, mild tannined reds with lower alcohol level all round.

2005 Short early and particularly challenging. Bone dry winter followed by early-season, rains, sparking disease: then prolonged heatwaves. Concentrated if alcoholic reds; whites mostly average, with some exceptions.

2004 Variable temperatures during harvest could have resulted in an uneven harvest, although if the work had been done in the vineyards then there shouldn’t be too much for the winemakers to worry about.
2003 Being touted as an exceptional year. Both reds and whites from this vintage are showing great promise. Although in some regions, problems were experienced with later ripening varieties.

2002 A challenging year with heat and disease. Generally this vintage will come down to the individual winemakers abilities and track record.

2001 Hot and dry were the conditions for this harvest. Large concentrated reds, which should keep. Winemakers who picked between the heat waves produced some lovely whites.

2000 Another hot year with the resultant powerful, concentrated reds, which should keep well. The hot weather meant nothing to stellar from the whites.

1999 Near perfect ripening conditions resulted in fat, alcoholic and full of fruit reds. These are best enjoyed sooner rather than later. Some fruity whites from Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc.

1998 Rated as an excellent vintage for reds. Big, lusty wines with strong tannins and sufficient fruits to ensure good maturation. Whilst the whites showed good fruits these were not for cellaring.

1997 One of the coolest on record this vintage was slow ripening. Although there was a downy mildew problem, if controlled the resultant wines were elegant and well rounded. Whites showed beautiful aromas and balance.

1996 A very damp year, which resulted in the wines, both red and white, lacking in concentration. Noble Late Harvest wines did benefit from the Botrytis favouring conditions.

1995 Dry and hot, although not as bad as 1994. Resulted in very big, concentrated reds with good maturation potential.

1994 The hottest and driest vintage on record. This resulted in variable quality. Though early ripening varieties fared well.

1993 A year without any serious mishaps in weather and the resultant wines showed this. Good white and red wines.

1992 A coolish year resulting is slower ripening favoured the whites especially Sauvignon Blanc. Some outstanding reds in particular Pinotage.

1991 A dry, warm year favoured mid season ripening grapes. Some very concentrated and long lasting reds.

1990 An uneven year with alternating heat and cold. This resulted in mostly average whites, middling reds with some very good Cabernet Sauvignons.

1980’s As a rough rule the even years (82, 84 and 86), which were slightly warmer favoured red wines. The odd years were cooler and produced better whites. Two noticeable exceptions to this were '87 and in particular '89 which produced wonderful red