



Welcome to the 5-star Tuningi Safari Lodge - a member of The Leading Independent Hotels of Southern Africa - situated in the world renowned 165,000 acre malaria-free Big 5 Madikwe Game Reserve.

The private and exclusive Tuningi Safari Lodge offers both local and international guests a superior experience, enhanced by an impressive Big 5 safari encounter.

Tuningi is one of the very few 5-star lodges in South Africa that welcomes children, and in doing so, introduces them to the wonders of nature, wildlife and our delicate eco-system.

The design brief for the exclusive villas was to create space by blending interiors with the bush by utilising retractable doors and windows wherever possible.

The theme of the décor is 'Colonial African chic' and the main thatched lodge offers a sumptuous lounge, a spacious dining room and a well-stocked bar with an impressive rim flow pool that overlooks a watering hole, all interlinked by a sweeping wooden deck that leads to the boma area.

As night sets in, lanterns and candles are lit and the mood goes from bush to baroque. Guests return from their game drive to be presented with a bush extravaganza dinner, prepared by Tuningi's Executive Chef, in the boma with a blazing log fire to keep them warm.

Tuningi's game rangers are of course highly qualified, but more than this they have a skill for making guests feel excited about the environment and wildlife while offering a unique opportunity - for those willing to be educated - on many aspects of wildlife and bush etiquette in 4x4 open-air vehicles. Lion, elephant, buffalo, white and black rhino, leopard, and the rare and endangered wild dog are only some of the unique sightings to experience during your stay.

Madikwe Game Reserve is a true African success story and Tuningi proudly enhances the experience!

Tuningi has a corkage fee of R45 per bottle



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Wines by the Glass

Sparkling

Graham Beck Brut NV **R55 per glass**

White

La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2011 *(Organic)* **R55 per glass**

MAN Vintners Sauvignon Blanc 2011 **R40 per glass**

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2009 **R40 per glass**

Jordan Chardonnay 2008 **R65 per glass**

Klein Constantia Mme Marlbrook 2008 **R70 per glass**

De Grendel Rosé 2011 **R40 per glass**

Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2011 **R40 per glass**

Red

Arabella Merlot 2011 **R40 per glass**

Arabella Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 **R40 per glass**

Grangehurst Pinotage 2003 **R65 per glass**

Vergelegen Merlot 2007 **R75 per glass**

Excelsior Merlot 2008 **R40 per glass**

Grangehurst Nikela 2002 **R80 per glass**

Newton-Johnson Pinot Noir 2010 **R95 per glass**

Luddite Shiraz 2006 **R100 per glass**

Dessert Wine

Jordan Millefera Noble Late Harvest 2010 **R45 per glass**

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2002 & 2005 **R85 per glass**



Champagne

"I drink Champagne when I am happy and when I am sad. Sometimes I drink it when I am alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it when I am not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it, unless I am thirsty" **Madame Bollinger**

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label NV

Region: Reims, France

R935

Dominated by pinot noir, with a touch of pinot meunier, Veuve is made in a consistently popular, full-bodied and rich style. Nearly a third chardonnay gives it the elegance and finesse needed for perfect balance.

Taittinger Brut NV

Region: Reims, France

R1070

One of the few large, independently-owned Champagne houses, Taittinger's Brut Réserve is a particularly creamy, elegant blend of chardonnay and pinot noir from some of the best vineyards in Reims.

Méthode Cap Classique

After an agreement between South Africa and France, sparkling wines made by the Methodé Champenoise were no longer able to be called Champagne, giving rise to a new differentiation for bottle fermented wines: Méthode Cap Classique (MCC). Thus in South Africa, buying a MCC offers excellent quality- and value – sparkling wine.

Graham Beck Brut NV

Region: Robertson

R225

R55 per glass

Traditional champagne blend of chardonnay and pinot noir. Second fermentation in the bottle ensures finely beaded bubbles, brioche aromas and creamy, generous flavours. A rich but dry wine, with lovely finesse.

Graham Beck Brut Rosé NV

Region: Robertson

R420

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.

Klein Constantia Brut 2009

Region: Constantia

R300

Apart from a special millennium bottling, this is the first release of bubbly by legendary Klein Constantia Estate. Appealing complex, toasty brioche aromas and rich baked apple flavours are sustained by a fine persistent mousse through to the long, full finish.



Sauvignon Blanc

Racy acidity and refreshing aromatic nettle, fig and gooseberry aromas are the trademarks of this popular grape. Once known only in the upper Loire Valley in France, it has spread all over the world. Sauvignon Blanc excels in cooler climates where it reaches its full potential. Occasionally it is given gentle oak maturation and labeled Blanc Fumé.

Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Region: Cape Point **R260**
This wine displays the capsicum and fig aromas typical of this variety. Lively minerality and racy acidity make for a classically-styled wine, with a long, lean and vibrant finish.

Excelsior Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Region: Robertson **R140**
Warm Robertson valley summers encourage fresh pineapple flavours, balanced by a zesty acidity to produce a mouthwatering, flavourful finish. Enjoy with pasta and salad.

Klein Constantia KC Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Region: Elim & Elgin **R155**
Well-regarded Klein Constantia make a 2nd label 'KC' white from prime sauvignon blanc vineyard sites in cool Elim and Elgin. Abundant aromas of fresh snow peas and granadilla enchant, while racy flavours with crisp acidity carry the finish.

La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2011 (Organic) Region: Franschhoek **R220**
R55 per glass
An organically grown, cool-climate sauvignon in the award-winning range named after SA landscape artist, Pierneef, whose works grace the labels. Grapes are harvested after a long season in ocean cooled Walker Bay, intensifying the passionfruit flavours and fine acidity.

MAN Vintners Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Region: Paarl **R140**
R40 per glass
Freshly zippy sauvignon, leaning more towards a tropical style, where pineapple and passion fruit flavours can be enjoyed on their own or with light dishes.

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Region: Darling **R190**
One of the Cape's first negociants, Neil Ellis sources the best fruit for his wines, in this case the cool Groenekloof along the west cape coast, with its hallmark flintiness and herbaceous aromatics. An elegant and delicate sauvignon, with a long flavoursome finish.

Springfield 'Life from Stone' Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Region: Robertson **R200**
A thoroughly appealing wine made from vines grown on exceptionally rocky soil. The lively acidity adds vibrancy and extra dimension to this wine, with its layers of fruit and flinty finish.

Tokara Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Region: Walker Bay **R140**
Banker GT Ferreira released the first wines worthy of the name Tokara many years after purchasing his Stellenbosch property. These grapes come from his vineyards in cool Cape Agulhas, giving fresh asparagus flavours and flinty minerality.

Vergelegen Sauvignon Blanc 2011 Region: Stellenbosch **R190**
Consistently voted South Africa's best winery, Vergelegen's close attention to the vineyards produces fruit of outstanding quality. This unoaked, dry and refreshing wine exhibits fig and gooseberry aromas and flavours and a lean, mineral finish.



Chenin Blanc

This superior grape variety from France's Loire Valley has long been South Africa's workhorse 'Cinderella' variety, used in the past to make simple, fruity, pleasant wines. This past decade has seen a number of growers discover the true potential of Chenin by making serious, ageworthy, oaked wines from older, low-yielding vines. Chenin's versatility and affinity for food make it the ideal 'food wine'.

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2009

Region: Cederberg

R165

R40 per glass

A consistent Cape benchmark during the last decade, made from older vines – always impressive! Recognised for its overt grapefruit and tropical flavours, mouth-tingling freshness and long fruit-laden finish.

Graham Beck Game Reserve Chenin Blanc 2009

Region: Franschhoek

R170

Made from 45 year-old bush vines, this wine has upfront tropical fruit & melon, peaches & honey on the nose. A full and juicy palate balanced by a clean crisp finish. Drink on its own or with any light meat or poultry dish.

Jordan Chenin Blanc 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R185

A brush of French oak adds style and class to this grape from the Loire Valley in France. Deliciously mouth-filling citrus creaminess adds texture to baked apple flavours, meshed with a spicy complexity.

Ken Forrester FMC Chenin Blanc 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R635

'FMC' – Forrester Meinert Chenin – was designed to put Cape Chenin on the map (and it has). Described by ex-restaurateur Ken Forrester as "full throttle chenin" it is intensely flavoured, richly layered and exceedingly complex. Fine acidity focuses the richness to a satisfyingly flavoursome but not cloying finish. Delicious.

Rudera Chenin Blanc 2007

Region: Stellenbosch

R210

Chenin king Teddy Hall's rendition of the South African 'Super-Chenin'. Robust in name and nature with gorgeous, full and richly concentrated flavours. This wine has received many awards for its distinctive character.

Waterford Pecan Stream Chenin Blanc 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R140

Quality-driven Waterford's 2nd 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.

Riesling

The original, fragrant and fine grape variety originates from Germany. Light-bodied wines with characteristic hints of floral spice. Ideal for seafood, lightly-spiced dishes and lunches. True riesling is prefixed by Rhine or Weisser on Cape labels.

Hartenberg Weisser Riesling 2005

Region: Stellenbosch

R155

From warmer Stellenbosch, the flavour profile is softer, less steely than usual, but still with overt riesling characteristics of zesty lime and spiciness, and an off-dry, mouthwatering sweet-sour finish.

Jordan Rhine Riesling 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R180

Made in a dry style, this riesling exhibits intense lychee and floral aromas. Flavours of pineapple and grapefruit are balanced by good acidity, leading to a spicy finish. Enjoy with softly spicy dishes.



Chardonnay

With its great affinity for oak, chardonnay has spread from its home in Burgundy's classic appellations to far-flung new-world wine regions. Bold citrus, lime and mineral aromas characterize this grape, it is commonly enhanced by barrel-fermentation and maturation giving the wine extra dimension and depth.

Ataraxia Chardonnay 2008

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde

R420

It's difficult to get hold of the tiny volumes of this expressive, award-winning wine. A soil-derived gravelly minerality and racy acidity adds to the classic length and complexity of this stylish, world class Chardonnay.

De Wetshof "Finesse" Chardonnay 2008

Region: Robertson

R175

Very lightly oaked, barrel-fermented wine deserving of the name finesse, from chardonnay maestro Danie de Wet. Peach and citrus flavours fill the mouth, leading to a lingering, nutty finish. Drink easily anytime of the day.

Hamilton Russell Vineyards Chardonnay 2007

Region: Walker Bay

R545

This illustrious Burgundy-styled wine from cool, coastal Walker Bay exhibits a classic expression of Burgundy's white grape grown in the Cape: tight and minerally with great intensity, complexity and length. This vintage is drinking perfectly at 5 years old.

Jordan Chardonnay 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R260

R65 per glass

This wine is always exceptionally well-made across vintages by eco-conscious Stellenbosch growers, Gary and Kathy Jordan. Deft Burgundian oak maturation 'sur lie' ensures creamy complexity and freshness.

Meerlust Chardonnay 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R385

Barrel-fermented in toasty new French oak by Meerlust's winemaker, Chris Williams. Aromas of butterscotch, roasted almonds and intense citrus flavours abound in this minerally, complex and serious wine.

Thelema Chardonnay 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R240

Thelema Mountain Vineyards led the way in the early 90s in producing top quality chardonnay. 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.

Springfield Methode Ancienne Chardonnay 2006

Region: Robertson

R430

Fermented with natural yeasts and bottled unfiltered, unfinned and unstabilised, in keeping with 'Ancient' Burgundian practices. Harvested in the cool of night, the wine is made without the use of sulphites and spends 14 months in French oak.

Unwooded Chardonnay

Bouchard Finlayson Sans Barrique 2010

Region: Walker Bay

R230

This classically-styled wine from cool, coastal Walker Bay shows what the Chardonnay grape, uncloaked in wood, really tastes of: lemons and limes, and a touch of pineapple shot through with lively minerality.



White Blends

Jean Daneel JD White 2008

Region: Napier

R160

Deliciously refreshing blend of chenin, semillon, sauvignon and a dash of chardonnay. Softly floral and satisfyingly rich and complex. Enjoy on its own or with food.

Klein Constantia Mme Marlbrook 2008

Region: Constantia

R300

R70 per glass

A blend of exotic floral notes and herbaceous aromas dominated this fresh and finely textured blend of semillon and sauvignon, with a splash of muscat. The palate bursts with flavours of passion fruit, white peach and ginger spice, with well-integrated oak lending structure and fullness to the freshly cleansing finish.

Sequillo White 2007

Region: Swartland

R355

Seen as something of an international winemaking hero, Eben Sadie crafts tiny volumes of this grenache blanc, rousanne, viognier blend in his newly-built cellar. Time spent on the fine lees in French oak barrels adds to the layered complexity of this rich, finely structured white.

Solms-Delta Amalie 2006

Region: Franschhoek

R155

A sexy Rhône-style blend of viognier and vine-dried grenache blanc made slightly oxidatively in French oak barrels. Intense fruit flavours and layered complexity make it an interesting food wine.

Semillon & Viognier

Spice Route Viognier 2009

Region: Paarl

R230

This southern French variety has settled well in the Swartland where Spice Route fashion a classic example with typically abundant aromas of peaches and apricots. Rich and complex flavours linger lightly on the finish.

Steenberg Vineyards Semillon Reserve 2006

Region: Constantia

R300

Much sought after, intensely flavoured semillon from vineyards planted in the cool Constantia valley. Green pea and rich, ripened fig flavours are given dimension by a barrel fermented component and a splash of sauvignon.



Bukettraube (Off Dry)

Cederberg Bukettraube 2008

Region: Cederberg

R150

Off-dry, with softness from well-balanced sweet fruit flavours. Exotic, delicate floral and fruit salad aromas, with a hint of dried peach on the bracing, fresh finish.

Rosé

De Grendel Rosé 2011

Region: Durbanville

R120

R40 per glass

A crisp dry but juicy blend of cabernets sauvignon and franc and pinotage which manages to the tastebuds tingling with fresh red berry fruit compôte flavours. An ideal lunchtime wine.

Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2011

Region: Stellenbosch

R145

R40 per glass

A new, dry rosé fashioned in a traditional Provençal style. Fresh strawberry and red berry fruits flesh out a nicely structured palate. Great versatility with both light and more robust dishes.



Shiraz / Syrah

Known as either Shiraz or Syrah, this variety is currently undergoing a revival in the Cape. Styles vary from full-blown and fruit-driven, reminiscent of those from Australia's Barossa Valley, to the more restrained, classic and perfumed style from France's Rhône Valley.

Guardian Peak Shiraz 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R140

Second label, sumptuously-fruited everyday wine from the Rust en Vrede stable, designed for early enjoyment. Cinnamon spiciness and mocha undertones complement the ripe berry flavours, underpinned by oak tannins.

Luddite Shiraz 2006

Region: Bot River

R460

R100 per glass

Larger-than-life Neils Verburg employs traditional winemaking methods to capture the essence of his shiraz grapes, resulting in an intense, pure-fruited wine with a wonderfully silky texture and seamless tannins.

Naughton's Flight Shiraz 2004

Region: Paarl

R295

Big brand marketing guru Francis Naughton has applied his considerable Irish energy to his own (tiny) boutique brand. His own style specs are happily ignored by the woman who turns his ripe, spicy grapes into a supple, softly approachable shiraz.

Quoin Rock Syrah 2005

Region: Stellenbosch

R320

Trophy winning syrah 2005, commended for its suppleness, purity of fruit and fine texture. Roasted spice aromas and savoury dark fruit flavours are restrained by tightly structured tannins. Enjoy with a variety of meat dishes.

Ridgeback Shiraz 2006

Region: Paarl

R250

The maiden 2001 entered the market with 5 stars from the Platter Guide. It has since consistently produced an unshowy, classic wine with sensuous red fruit, spices and prosciutto meatiness balanced by silky tannins.

Rudera Syrah 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R270

This is the 3rd vintage of individualist winemaker Teddy Hall's syrah we've listed. His hallmark ripe, dense dark berry fruit aromas and flavours, and soft tannins make this wine deliciously approachable now.

Rudi Schultz Syrah 2004

Region: Stellenbosch

R410

Rudi's day job is at well-known Thelema Mountain Vineyards, but his own label always scores over 90 points in authoritative US publication Wine Spectator. Spicy aromas of white pepper, ground cassia, nutmeg and ripe dark cherries herald the succulent flavours.

Waterford Kevin Arnold Shiraz 2007

Region: Stellenbosch

R355

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, finished by dash of mourvèdre and a year in French and American oak.



Pinotage

South Africa's only 'indigenous' grape – a 1920s crossing of Burgundy's Pinot Noir and Cinsault (then locally known as Hermitage) from the Rhône. The wines on this list are some of the best examples of the quality the variety is capable of when carefully handled. Pinotage is ideal for exotic meat dishes such as venison.

De Waal Pinotage 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R140

From 35 year- old pinotage vines, this juicy, appealingly classic and balanced pinotage from veteran pinotage growers and makers Uiterwyk, in Stellenbosch.

Grangehurst Pinotage 2003

Region: Stellenbosch

R270

R65 per glass

Jeremy Walker'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. A must for those wanting to experience this native South African grape at its best.

Kanonkop Pinotage 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R530

Old-favourite Kanonkop consistently manages to produce concentrated wines from their old pinotage bushvines. This full-bodied wine was matured in French oak, and is best enjoyed with meat and game dishes.

Middelvlei Pinotage 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R190

Maturation for 14 months in small French oak barrels lends seriousness and structure to this Stellenbosch pinotage, with its sweet raspberry aromas and dark fruit flavours. A touch of American oak adds spiciness to the deliciously rich finish.

Southern Right Pinotage 2009

Region: Walker Bay

R300

Crafted in the Hamilton Russell cellar, this compact wine with fine grain tannins and persistent raspberry and fresh cherry flavours reflects its pinot noir parentage, with its elegance and earthy flavours.

Pinot Noir

A very cool climate is essential for notoriously fussy grape, (the best are grown at high altitude, or in areas cooled by Antarctic breezes). Quality has improved steadily over the years as clones improve and winemakers become more experienced with the variety. Good Pinot always accompanies a wide variety of meals from rich seafood to pan fried beef fillet, duck, Parma ham and mushrooms.

Newton-Johnson Pinot Noir 2010

Region: Walker Bay

R400

R95 per glass

Much in demand, this fine pinot is grown in the cool Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven & Earth) valley. Made in a voluptuous, juicy style with pure cherry and cranberry flavours and underlying earthiness, it is ideal accompaniment to duck, and lighter red meat dishes.

Meerlust Pinot Noir 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R420

Long recognized for producing world-class wines, Meerlust's 8th generation custodian Hannes Myburgh maintains his family's dedication to producing classic styles. Since 2004, winemaker Chris Williams has fashioned the pinot in a substantial, intricately complex style.



Merlot

Once only used as a blending partner to temper the flavours of the bold cabernet sauvignon, merlot has been given its place as a well structured wine with plenty of red berry fruit and hints of chocolate. Soft tannins make this a very drinkable wine which suits lighter and white meat dishes such as veal and chicken.

Arabella Merlot 2011

Region: Robertson

R140

R40 per glass

Succulent flavours of ripe plum and blackcurrant are enhanced by hints of coffee and chocolate. Soft tannins lend a firm structure and a long soft finish. Accessible and juicy for simple, easy enjoyment.

De Grendel Merlot 2008

Region: Durbanville

R185

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.

De Trafford Merlot 2007

Region: Stellenbosch

R340

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.

Excelsior Merlot 2008

Region: Robertson

R140

R40 per glass

Juicily-fruited and friendly wine with accessible smoothness for immediate enjoyment. One of the top three Cape exports in the US. Popular for the richness and softness of its baked plum flavours.

Overgaauw Merlot 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R230

In keeping with the classicism of this century-old family-owned property, their merlot shows finesse and elegance. Oak matured for 24 months, this concentrated wine is full-bodied, smoothly textured and satisfyingly complex.

Ridgeback Merlot 2008

Region: Paarl

R220

Beguiling aromas of violets, black plums, mocha and oak spice promise (and deliver) a refined and complex French oak matured wine with a full, textured mouthfeel and deliciously savoury finish.

Vergelegen Merlot 2007

Region: Somerset West

R300

R75 per glass

A sumptuously fleshy merlot, with rich red berry fruit flavours, ready to enjoy now. This elegantly-styled wine from this prime property spent 20 months in French barrels, resulting in a fine, ripe tannin structure which carries the fruit graciously through to the finish.



Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet sauvignon is a deep coloured wine from thick-skinned berries, it produces wines that have cassis, cedar, cigar box, and dark chocolate flavours. Some of the finest wines in the world contain cabernet; the grape has firm tannins and is prized not only for its bold flavours, but also for its longevity. Partners well with most red meat cuts, grills and other rich dishes.

Arabella Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Region: Robertson

R140

R40 per glass

Brimming with abundant blackcurrant aromas, this full-bodied wine is a mouthful of juicy plum flavours. Delightfully versatile, it makes a delicious partner to a wide variety of foods.

Brampton Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R140

Abundant ripe fruit and soft tannins create a juicy, fruit-driven and accessible new world style from the famous Rustenberg Estate in Stellenbosch.

Graceland Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R240

Traditionally fermented, sappy fruited cabernet from this boutique producer. Cassis flavours are locked in by firm oak tannins from maturation in French oak – unlock with pan-seared fillet or robust meat dishes.

Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R380

From venerable wine estate, a deeply coloured wine with flavours of blackberry, raspberry and cherry. Mouth-filling, well-balanced well-integrated tannins. Elegant and opulent. Matured in French barriques for 14 months.

Starke-Condé Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R145

A most sumptuous, powerfully built blackcurrant flavoured, Californian-styled cabernet from talented American designer José Condé's boutique winery on the slopes of the Jonkershoek mountains. Enjoy!

Vinum Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Region: Stellenbosch

R160

Confidently modern, sleek and polished cabernet, screwcapped for freshness, from maverick winemaker Alex Dale and Frenchman Edouard Labeye. A year in oak underpins the rich and concentrated cassis flavours.

Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

R290

Meticulous attention in the vineyards produced healthy grapes – the mark of this beautifully balanced and richly flavoured, deliciously drinkable wine. Dark berry fruit and subtle oak vanilla aromas and flavours are kept in check by firm, seamless tannins.

Cape Blend

An evolving term denoting a red blend containing pinotage – the Cape's 'local' grape variety.

Grangehurst Nikela 2002

Region: Stellenbosch

R340

R80 per glass

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

Red Blends

Cape Point Scarborough Red 2006

Region: Cape Point

R150

From ocean-cooled vineyards along Cape Point – classic, fresh and incredibly stylish. Aged in French barrels for a year, the red is a blend of cabernet and shiraz made in a serious but accessible style.

Hartenberg Cabernet-Shiraz 2009

Region: Stellenbosch

R150

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.



Premium Red Blends

- Catherine Marshall Syrah-Mourvèdre 2004** Region: Paarl **R320**
Southern Rhône-style blend from the Cape's pioneering garage winemaker, Cathy Marshall. Elegant and mouthwateringly fresh, with supple fruit flavours underpinned by soft, spicy oak.
- Dalla Cia Giorgio 2006** Region: Stellenbosch **R350**
A well-structured and full-bodied cabernet-merlot blend made by Meerlust's ex-winemaker Giorgio Dalla Cia. Pure red berry flavours are backed by ripe tannins and a savoury finish. Enjoy with cured or roasted meats.
- De Toren Z 2007** Region: Stellenbosch **R330**
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 & blueberry are checked by finely textured soft tannins from a year spent in barrel.
- Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2005** Region: Stellenbosch **R680**
A legendary Cape wine, flagship of this famous estate, which is a classic blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc. Soft ripe blackcurrant flavours are structured by spicy new oak in this balanced and complex wine. Great with meat and game dishes.
- Khwezi 2002** Region: Stellenbosch **R235**
Adam Mason, Klein Constantia's winemaker's 'own' label. Khwezi means 'the morning star' in isiXhosa, and is a blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz, matured in French oak and ready to drink now.
- Klein Constantia Marlbrook 2006** Region: Constantia **R460**
The first flagship red 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.
- Ladybird 2006 (Organic)** Region: Stellenbosch **R230**
You couldn't ask for a more vibrancy to fulfill the expectations of a wine made from organically grown grapes. A blend of merlot and cabernet, its concentrated, pure dark red berry fruit is supported by fine, smooth tannins.
- Meerlust Rubicon 2007** Region: Stellenbosch **R570**
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. 2007 was a winemaker's dream vintage, producing healthy, ripe fruit which translates into fine flavour concentration and complexity.
- Meinert Devon Crest 2006** Region: Stellenbosch **R190**
Martin Meinert's Devon Crest farm is strictly red-only. Powerful and rich, this blend of cabernet & merlot maintains vibrancy and a poised elegance. 18 months in French oak adds a plush tannin backdrop.
- Solms-Delta Hiervandaan 2007** Region: Franschhoek **R240**
A southern Rhône styled blend of syrah, mourvèdre, grenache, carignan and viognier from unconventional neuroscientist Mark Solms. Welcomingly warm and spicy, with a supple texture and intense red fruit flavours.
- Veenwouden Classic 2006** Region: Paarl **R610**
This boutique cellar has been producing much sought-after premium red wines for a decade, with international consultant Michel Rolland assisting winemaker Marcel van der Walt. Dense, ripe, plush fruit belies a firm yet elegant structure. Enjoy the complex, spicy richness of this fruit-driven, yet classic style.
- Yonder Hill Inanda 2008** Region: Stellenbosch **R185**
Delightful cabernet-merlot blend from this boutique-size winery: a polished, brightly fruited, youthful and complex wine with firm, soft tannins imparting structure. Drinking well now, with food.



Dessert Wine

Jordan Millefera Noble Late Harvest 2010

Region: Stellenbosch

R45 per glass

Versatile with food (have as an apéritif 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.

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2002 & 2005

Region: Constantia

R85 per glass

This much-awarded dessert wine is a re-creation 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 paired by pithy astringency and a fresh, mouthwatering finish. Savour before or after a meal.

Port & Muscadel

Monis Vintage Muscadel 2000

Region: Stellenbosch

R 20 per 50ml

Amber coloured muscadel fortified to 16.5% alcohol before being aged 5 years in oak, with raisined, sweet burnt caramel flavours, with hints of tea, tobacco and cinnamon adding interest. Enjoy slightly chilled.

Overgaauw Port 1991

Region: Stellenbosch

R30 per 50ml

Made from the top six Portuguese varieties, harvested and fermented together before fortification with brandy spirit, and bottled unfiltered. Released only when ready for drinking, this wine shows the impressive integration that time can bring. Tantalising layers of prunes, orange peel and spice are supported by an elegant, silky, seamlessly-balanced palate.

Axe Hill Port NV

Region: Klein Karoo

R30 per 50ml

Approachable even in its youth, it offers a luxuriously rich mouthful of red plums, spicy nut and fruitcake flavours.

Port (Duoro Valley, Portugal)

The Niepoorts' of Porto is an independent family business established in 1842 currently headed by 5th generation Dirk Niepoort, who deals with a high demand for his wines, referred to as the 'Krug' of vintage port.

Niepoort Colheita Port

Region: Duoro Valley

R60 per 50ml

Niepoort 10 Year Tawny Port NV

Region: Duoro Valley

R50 per 50ml

Brandy & Cognac

KWV 10 year old

Region: Paarl

R18 per tot

Pure, double potstill distilled brandy matured in small French oak barrels for ten years. Complex dried-fruit and port wine aromas enhance the subtle spicy and nutty flavours.

Sydney Back Potstill Brandy

Region: Paarl

R30 per tot

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, flavours of sweet almond.

Hennessy Cognac VS

Region: Cognac, France

R35 per tot

Its appeal illustrates the consistency of the Hennessy style for more than a century, and its fine balance between power and elegance has made it popular with millions of connoisseurs.

Grappa

Cellarmaster Giorgio dalla Cia delights in challenging his native Italy with a local interpretation of this fiery digestivo, made from the grape skins of various grape varieties.

Dalla Cia Chardonnay-Pinot Noir Grappa

Region: Stellenbosch

R25 per tot

Dalla Cia Cabernet-Merlot Grappa

Region: Stellenbosch

R25 per tot

Dalla Cia Cabernet-Merlot Premium Grappa

Region: Stellenbosch

R35 per tot



South African Vintage Report

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South African wines do not exhibit the major vintage variations seen in cooler northern regions such as Burgundy or Bordeaux. There are, nevertheless, significant variations from year to year, albeit within South African context. These, in terms of red, relate more to relative ageing potential than the declaration of generally poor vintages; whites if anything are more prone to vintage variation, summer heat waves leaching them of freshness and flavour. Dry, hot summers are the normal but a variety of factors (including widely-scattered growing areas; a harvest spread over the best part of three months; benefits of modern practices and techniques; the virus status of vines) make generalisation difficult.

2011 – Yet more variable than last vintage, impossible to generalize. As in 2010, producer's track record should guide the buying / cellaring decision.

2010 – A real test of the winegrower's savvy, and one of the toughest recent harvests to call. As in 2002, track record should be the buying / cellaring decision.

2009 – Perhaps one the greatest Cape vintages. Late and grueling, but whites and reds both look stellar.

2008 – Long, wet, late and challenging but also unusually cool season, favouring elegance in both reds and whites.

2007 – Set to be one of the coolest in a decade, when an uncharacteristically early heatwave in January set the grapes on the path of quick ripening. Whites were hurriedly picked, with some fine results, and reds left on the vine in the subsequent cool weather ripened well and most were harvested before the early winter rains.

2006 – Excellent and largely problem free (though complicated by Western Cape power cuts). Perhaps the best white wine vintage in a decade. Particularly expressive sauvignons and chenins. Fleshy, mildly tannic reds, with lower than average alcohol contents all round.

2005 – Short early & particularly challenging. Bone dry winter followed by early season rains, sparking disease and excessive plant vigour; then prolonged heat waves. Concentrated if alcoholic reds; whites mostly average, some stellar exceptions.

2004 – Long and late, yet cooler dry conditions yielded healthy, elegant wines with lower alcohols and yielding tannins. Chardonnay, merlot and shiraz especially promising.

2003 – Hailed as an outstanding year, with concentrated, structured and generous reds as well as whites. The general euphoria tempered by some difficulties with late-ripening varieties in certain areas.

2002 – Challenging and patchy year marred by disease and high harvest temperatures. Generally, individual producers' track record rather than variety of terroir should guide the purchasing decision.

2001 – Hot, dry largely disease-free vintage, yielding some excellent reds – fruity and concentrated, possibly long-lived. White-wine producers who picked between heat-waves delivered flavourful if alcoholic wines.

2000 – Another hot year with predictably powerful, concentrated reds, sometimes with big tannins. The best should keep very well. Whites, by contrast, generally less stellar and for long ageing.

1999 – Near perfect ripening conditions meant fat, alcoholic reds with ripe fruit for earlier drinking. Some attractive, fruity whites from chardonnay, semillon and chenin, but generally not too much excitement.

1998 – Excellent vintage. Deep, lusty (sometimes tannic) reds with enough fruit for extended cellaring. Whites somewhat less sexy; some good fuller-bodied versions but even these are not for keeping.

1997 – One of the coolest and latest on record. Slender, supple (rather than light) reds, the best showing pristine fruit, smooth tannins and elegance. Some excellent, stylish whites with beautiful aromas and balance.

1996 – Generally awkward reds, not for keeping (but some notable exceptions). Best drunk now.

1995 – For many, vintage of the 90s. Very dry, long and warm; ripe, fruity, concentrated reds, maturing spectacularly.

1994 – Hottest, driest vintage in decades; variable quality; early ripening, reds fared well.

1993 – Year without serious mishaps; some excellent sauvignon blancs; above average reds

1992 – Coolish vintage favouring whites, especially sauvignon blanc; red (especially pinotage) very good to outstanding.

1991 – Dry, warm to hot year, favouring early to mid-season ripeners; some concentrated, long lasting reds.

1990 – Uneven year, alternatively cool, warm; average whites; middling reds with some very characterful examples.

1980s – Even years (82, 84, 86) usually more favourable for reds; uneven years, marginally cooler, favoured whites, but "white" years 87 and especially 79 produced remarkable reds.

1970s – Again even years generally favoured reds. The best of the 70s was undoubtedly 74 but top wines from other vintages are still delicious.

1960s – And earlier yielded some astonishingly long-lived wines, prompting a new generation to look at the traditional "dikvoet" winemaking style with fresh eyes.



Rare & Special Wines

Meerlust Merlot 1998	Region: Stellenbosch	R615
Kanonkop Cabernet Sauvignon 1991	Region: Stellenbosch	R960
Klein Constantia Marlbrook 2000	Region: Constantia	R460
Morgenster Lourens River Valley 2001	Region: Stellenbosch	R300

CWG Auction Wines – Cape Winemakers Guild

The Cape Winemakers Guild (CWG) was established in 1982 by eight independent winemakers who shared a vision of creating premium South African wines that would receive benchmark recognition both locally and abroad. There are now 37 members. Wines sold at the auction, are exclusive and can only be bought there.

De Trafford CWG Perspective 2004 Region: Stellenbosch **R900**

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

Overgaauw CWG DC Classic 2004 Region: Stellenbosch **R650**

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.

Elim CWG Shiraz 2004 Region: Elim **R750**

Guild member Charles Hopkins made this wine from fruit sourced from vineyards on the cool, bleak southern tip of Africa, to create a more elegantly-styled version of this Rhône Valley grape variety. Smoky, with a lean, sinewy structure, it would be best enjoyed with roasted meat dishes.

Hidden Valley CWG Pinotage 1998 Region: Stellenbosch **R650**

1997 was the longest, coolest vintage of the 90s, resulting in red wines with the hallmarks of classic, elegant styling. Here pinotage specialist, Grangehurst's Jeremy Walker, turned Dave Hidden's grapes into something that transcends all other examples of this variety.

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Imported Wines

Rhône Valley

Jaboulet Aîné Côte Rôtie les Jumelles 1998

R670

A top quality *négotiant* and the largest in the Northern Rhône, Jaboulet has been a source of the best Rhône wines for decades. A linear, pure-fruited expression of syrah, made to be enjoyed with food.

Bordeaux

Château Le Crock, St Estèphe 2000

R662

Château Le Crock is one of the finest Cru Bourgeois properties in St. Estèphe, and has been owned by the Cuvelier family since 1903. A wine that distinguishes itself from others, others by the exceedingly aromatic nose, full-bodied structure and the finesse.

Chablis

Chablis Beauroy Vieilles Vigne 1er Cru 2002

R595

By all accounts 2002 is the best vintage with the greatest consistency across Burgundy since 1990. Excellent acidity makes it a good match for seafood and rich sauces. Very subtle oaking of this chardonnay makes it a pleasure to drink.

Burgundy

Louis Jadot Bourgogne Rouge 1998

R530

The overall quality of the Jadot range puts it ahead of the Burgundy *négotiants*. This more humble generic Burgundy expresses pinot noir's purity of fruit threaded with focused acidity. Ideal paired with lighter meats.