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WINE LIST

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Welcome to our latest Barristers Wine List. We have added a further twenty new wines which we enjoyed and wanted to share with you. We do hope that our tasting notes will give you a far better idea of which wine to try and that your choice of wine will add to a wonderful Barristers experience. Preparing this new wine list has been a real journey and I suggest that you visit the web-sites of the various wines you enjoy; there are some interesting surprises out there!

Our aim is to offer you a wine list which is comprehensive and presents wine choices for all occasions and above all, never boring! We have a lot of wines on the list, so don't allow yourself to be intimidated...start with what YOU KNOW and then explore and understand each cultivar listed, as you meander from the driest red to most drinkable white!

Wine should be savoured and we encourage you to take your time in selecting the perfect wine for your mood. In this hectic and busy life you deserve to pamper yourself by reading and enjoying the labels, feeling and really tasting your wine: allow all your senses to indulge in the delight of a good wine, shared with a good friend.

WINE BY THE GLASS

We serve many of our wines by the glass, giving you a generous 250ml portion, which is equivalent to a third of a normal bottle and we are always happy to give you a taste of any of our wines by the glass to help you make the right choice.

CORKAGE

In the Bar, Cafe or Deck areas, as well as when taking advantage of any food specials, we are not able to allow 'bring your own' beverages for on-premise consumption for obvious reasons. If you are eating in the Restaurant and wish to bring your own wine with you, you are welcome to, but we do charge a corkage fee of R40 per bottle, to defray the costs associated with being able to offer you a comprehensive range of wines, beers and spirits at all times.

We do offer special corkage agreements for private functions, particularly 30th, 40th, 50th and any birthday parties after 60. These need to be agreed in advance with Management.

Before you imbibe...

All bottles are 750ml unless listed otherwise.

Wines served by the glass are 250ml if still and 175 ml if sparkling.

All wines are subject to availability and while we try to ensure that we are fully stocked at all times, inevitably some wines will be unavailable during vintage changes.

All prices are inclusive of VAT.

A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover.



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Blends

	250ml	750ml
Robertson Beaukett - Robertson (ABV 10.5%) From now on my personal favourite...only 10.5% ABV means, this is our lightest wine on the list.	R25	R70
Pierre Jourdan Tranquille - Franschhoek (ABV 11.5%) From the makers of Haute Cabrière - great if you're in a hurry and prefer something not quite dry.	R32	R90
Flagstone "Noon Gun" - Western Cape (ABV 13.5%) We started the Newlands Noon Gun on Friday's earlier this year...sadly it's now been stopped due to the noise. This wine reminds me of the need to start and keep traditions alive; they are after all the glue that holds us all together, when everything else is falling down!		R95
Groote Post The Old Man's Blend - Darling Hills (ABV 13.0%) A fruity, easy drinking wine with floral aromas. If you're alone it goes well with the afternoon papers; otherwise with the "old man" in your life.		R100
Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc - Constantia (ABV 12.5%) The perennial favourite, a classic Cape Town white wine.	R35	R105
Saxenburg Guinea Fowl - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%) 60% Chenin, 40% Voignier. Every spring we have a rasp of Guinea Fowl in our garden, sadly by Autumn there are only one or two left. If you have Jack Russell tendencies you will like this wine.	R38	R110
Reyneke Organic - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%) No artificial fertilizers or pesticides and I presume no herbicides, no fungicides. 49% Chenin, 48% Chardonnay and the balance Sauvignon Blanc. (note: organically grown; I'm told it is organically made as well, so should have much reduced sulphur content)	R38	R110
Haute Cabrière Chardonnay Pinot Noir - Franschhoek (ABV 12.5%) The supreme example of a perfect white blend. Soft gentle and just so perfect!	R50	R140



*The day he moved out was terrible –
That evening she went through hell.
His absence wasn't a problem
But the corkscrew had gone as well.*

Wendy Cope



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Sauvignon Blanc

250ml 750ml

Robertson Sauvignon Blanc - Robertson (ABV 12.5%)

R27 R80

Our House Wine, which is chosen to be consumed by the glass, with special friends who are able to listen when you need to review a dreary day's work.

Splattered Toad - Noordhoek, Cape Point (ABV 13.0%)

R33 R95

Dedicated to saving the Leopard Toad of Noordhoek, this very drinkable Sauvignon Blanc is very dry and drinking it accompanied by a Barristers' Pub Lunch, is about *as good as it gets!*

Durbanville Hills - Durbanville (ABV 13.5%)

R35 R100

Ever popular for those bright hot Cape days...when even the crows hang around with open mouths. A classic Sauvignon Blanc, often with ice added, but only when in Cape Town.

Diemersdal - Durbanville (ABV 12.850%)

R40 R115

With literally hundreds of Sauvignon Blancs to choose from, we chose to add Diemersdal in October 2012, because it is such a wonderful wine and a fitting sibling to the Diemersdal Pinotage, which has been a favourite of our Customers for quite some time.

Sophie Te'blanche - Elgin (ABV 13.5%)

R45 R125

The most famous woman to ever exist [sic], and is also the nickname in South Africa for Sauvignon Blanc. To be kissed by Sophie is to taste stardust.

Fat Bastard - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R130

Crisp, fresh and vivid. Unlike the utterances of the Gentleman sitting in the corner of the bar.

Groote Post - Darling, West Coast (ABV 13.5%)

R135

Who says Sauvignon Blanc is all about acidity? Ideal growing conditions have resulted in a superbly balanced wine, displaying characteristic freshly-mown grass on the nose and as our Sunday Times reviewer reported; "...the smell of lazy money during a weekday lunch at Barristers..."

Thelema - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%)

R140

The name says it all; such a sensuous word, which undoubtedly makes you feel this soft wine on your palate. It conjures up images of peace, tranquillity and a good time to be had.

Lady Anne Barnard - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R145

She spent time in Cape Town from 1797 to 1802 and lived in what is now the Vineyard Hotel - it was known as Paradise in her day...and I think we still live in paradise here in Newlands. You'll like this one!

Neil Ellis Groenekloof - Stellenbosch/Darling (ABV 13.0%)

R150

With the dominant fruit from a single vineyard in Jonkershoek (Stellenbosch), and supported by some crisp and bracing grapes from the Atlantic swept Groenekloof (Darling), it's no wonder that this wine opens the batting for the aristocratic Sauvignon Blancs on our list. You need to be seen drinking this to really enjoy it.

Here's to the corkscrew - a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship, and the gate of pleasant folly.

W.E.P. French



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Sauvignon Blanc – continued - skip this page if you're paying 250ml 750ml

Land's End Sauvignon Blanc - Elim, Cape Agulhus (ABV 13.5%) R155

Rich, ripe, smoky, canned pea (*can't say I like the sound of that!*) and sea salt aromas with a full-complex green fig and peach palate and a long, crisp limey finish.

(That has to be the worst tasting note ever written by an Estate trying to sell a very good wine?)

This is what drinking Land's End is all about:

The label makes you feel as if you have been at Cape Agulhus on a windy day; after one sip, you have that feeling of having spent the entire day in the sun, wind and surf and now, you've just had a hot bath and put on freshly ironed jeans and are about to have the most amazing meal. You are after all, ravenous after a day in the sun, wind and salt spray...and now enjoying your glass of Land's End you're glowing - all is right in the world.

Delaire - Olifantsrivier, Walker Bay and Durbanville. Blended in Helshoogte (ABV 13.0%) R165

This fine Sauvignon Blanc has grapes from three of the best growing areas in Africa. I always sing "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" after a glass or two of Delaire, which is owned by one of the world's most successful jewellers. Delicious and full of the history from these southern coastal regions.

Cape Point Sauvignon Blanc - Cape Point (ABV 12.5%) R175

Grown on the slopes of Chapman's Peak and a stone's throw from Misty Cliffs, a bracing crisp deliciously cold Sauvignon Blanc. Living in Paradise means I sleep on the same mountain as does this magnificent wine.

Elgin Ridge 282 - Elgin (ABV 12.5%) R65 R180

Roy Bradley's personal stock, which he'd be happy to share with you. Organically grown. We are very privileged to have this wine on our list. Enough said!

Groot Constantia Sauvignon Blanc - Constantia (ABV 13.5%) R185

The noblest wine estate in the entire Cape. Groot Constantia sauvignon blanc lives up to its heritage and invokes tales of the VOC through to the Cloete family. Not only an outstanding wine, but the one that is grown and produced closest to Barristers!

Lomond Pincushion – Cape Agulhas (ABV 14.1%) R195

The Lomond Estate is situated at 34° 34' south and within 8 kilometres of the Atlantic (or is it the Indian ocean?) My first taste got me wondering why I was prepared to pay so much more for a good red wine as compared to this truly magnificent white. Lomond is worth every cent. Savour, drink slowly and indulge.

Iona Sauvignon Blanc - Elgin (ABV 13.5%) R200

From Viking stock – Iona is named after a Scottish Island. The Estate produces premier wines and this one is arguably the best white wine we have on our list. Gunn (*sic*) it hard!

Men are like a fine wine.

They all start out like grapes, and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something you'd like to have dinner with.



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Chenin Blanc	250ml	750ml
Robertson Chenin - Robertson (ABV 12.5%) Why it is spelt with a 'C' when pronounced as a 'Sh' beats me. Perhaps it has to do with the second glass?	R27	R80
Kleine Zalze - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%) A mild and simple wine, so easy to drink and yet so thought provoking. I love my KZ (not to be confused with JZ) Chenin. After a long day, when I'm not in the mood to make any major decisions, it is simply so easy to drink. One of the most beautiful estates in the country.	R30	R85
Ken Forrester Petit Chenin - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%) Before I bought Barristers this is all I used to drink when visiting this fine establishment. It took me at least three years and cases of the stuff to realise that it was cheaper by the bottle. The Barmen knew me and it always made me feel like a million dollars when I would be served a glass before even getting to the bar.	R33	R90
Ayama - Paarl (ABV 13.5%) "Someone to lean on" is the translation of the isiXhosa word "ayama", not that we're suggesting you should over indulge, I just liked the taste and the ethos of the Owners.		R95
Delheim Spatzenreck Late Harvest - Paarl (ABV 13.5%) One of the most famous old timers around. The label says it all. If you're under 35 there's a chance you've never seen s Spatzenreck...now's the time to complete your education.		R95
Waterford "Pecan Stream" - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%) A beautiful wine with ripe melon and pear aroma. A dense layered fruit on the palate....and so say the tasting notes... <i>ho hum, for Pete's sake!</i> This is simply a wonderful uncomplicated wine and offers great value for money. An essential Chenin to have if you're serious about white wine. I really enjoy this one as I'm sure so will you!	R35	R110
Groote Post - Darling, West Coast (ABV 13.5%) This wine is on our list after Brent and I had a taste and so enjoyed this Chenin we just had to have it in stock		R105
Mulderbosch "Steen op Hout" - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.92%) This Estate was recently acquired by an American wine import company who found that the USA demand for Mulderbosch was so strong they needed to secure the source, I don't blame them. As a lover of Chenin this one is exceptional.		R115
Nederburg The Anchorman - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.92%) Named after the founder of this great Estate, Nederbug have launched the Anchorman as part of their Heritage Collection. This wooded Chenin is very pleasant indeed and at last gives Chenin a little more distinction than it has had in the past. (<i>Actually a lot more!</i>)		R185

Let your boat of life be light, packed with only what you need - a homely home and simple pleasures, one or two friends, worth the name, someone to love and someone to love you, a cat, a dog, and a pipe or two, enough to eat and enough to wear, and a little more than enough to drink; for thirst is a dangerous thing.

Three Men in a Boat - Jerome K. Jerome



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Chardonnay	250ml	750ml
Robertson Chardonnay - Robertson (ABV 13.0%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) This is Barristers "House" Chardonnay. Always available and consistently delicious. Served at 3°, it is always cold and always welcome after a long day at the bench, beach, desk, stove, counter, computer...or wherever you practice your craft. Be warned for some reason the alcohol in Chardonnay is about twice as potent as in any other wine...this has yet to be scientifically proven, but I can vouch for it after years of personal experimentation!	R30	R80
Van Zylshof Riverian - Bonnievale, Robertson (ABV 14.0%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) We always have three generations of van Zyl's at Barristers when we have a wine tasting...the wisdom and years of winemaking show through in their Riverian.	R35	R100
Fat Bastard - Robertson (ABV 14.0%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) Large and round like someone you know. Buy one for a soon to be ex-friend.		R130
Groote Post - Darling, West Coast (ABV 14.0%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) Groote Post has more entries on our list than any other estate. No we don't ask a listing fee, we simply love to stock a wine that offers great value, time and time again.		R140
Uitkyk Chardonnay - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.72%) (<i>wooded</i>) One of the most beautiful Cape Manor Houses around. An "old-fashioned" Chardonnay with all the character you'd associate with a re-run of an episode of Absolutely Fabulous. Goes well with splendid female company.	R50	R145
Edgebaston - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) A Finlayson family wine which lives up to their wine making philosophy and tradition as one of South African premier wine producing families.		R150
Hartenberg - Bottelary Hills, Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) The first bottle of wine that I managed to buy and not drink within 24 hours was a Hartenberg. It cost me R7.29 and was a 1979 shiraz. Since then I've always had a soft spot for Hartenberg and this chardonnay is no exception.		R165
Neil Ellis - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%) (<i>un-wooded</i>) Visit their web site - an honest excellent representation of this wonderful country we call home!		R175
Glen Carlou Chardonnay - Paarl (ABV 14.0%) (<i>wooded</i>) The flavours are refreshing with a great balance of fruit and acidity. Full bodied with juicy apple flavours and well integrated...whatever? To me it tastes like a Chardonnay should - rich, expansive, wooded, delightful.		R180
Joubert Tradauw Chardonnay - Barrydale (ABV 13.76%) (<i>wooded</i>) The Tradauw Pass is one of the most scenic in South Africa and well worth the drive. Their wooded Chardonnay brings the taste of fynbos and simplicity to Newlands. After a difficult week at the office, this wine gives a sense of Route 62 and all that lies outside of Monday to Thursday.		R205

"In water one sees one's own face; But in wine, one beholds the heart of another."



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Some Other Cultivars

Theuniskraal Cape Riesling - Stellenbosch (ABV 11.98%)

R95

This iconic South African wine was first produced in 1948 and has been around ever since. It brings back memories from every decade and is the perfect wine for a celebratory lunch amongst old friends.

Pinot Grigio - Terra Del Cappel - L'Ormarins, Franschhoek (ABV 12.5%)

R115

An elegant white wine that shows a good white fruit, lemon crisp appearance that follows through onto a palatable smooth mouth feel with a balance of acidity, not to mention being produced by one of South Africa's most successful families.

Hartenberg Weisser Riesling - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%)

R125

I love Rieslings, they epitomise the perfect white wine. The Hartenberg, as always, gives layers of complexity that keep you close to the vineyard and echo the journey of the grape from vine to glass.

Thelema Rhine Riesling - Stellenbosch (ABV 12.0%)

R130

Made in a German style, with a fragrant, spicy nose. This wine is slightly sweeter than normal, with lower alcohol which is always a good sign.

Delheim Gewürztraminer - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%)

R145

There is so much taste in a good Gewürztraminer and above all, sunshine. You really can taste summer in this wine - great for these long wet Newlands winters.

Viognier - Noble Hills - Franschhoek (ABV 13.9%)

R155

This wine really does taste of Honeysuckle which I remember, when as a child walking home from school, we would pull of the flowers and drink the nectar. The Estates tasting note is one that bears repeating here:

"Like a beautiful blonde with an astrophysics PhD, our Viognier is a pleasure to behold but isn't afraid to show its substance. Fresh floral aromas reveal a complex, focused palate of peaches, pears and complimenting oak."



"With wine in hand, one reaches the happy state - where men are wise, women beautiful; and even one's children begin to look promising."

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CHAMPAGNES & SPARKLING WINES

Champagnes

375ml 750ml

Drappier Carte d'Or (ABV 12.0%)

R370 R595

Rich and golden with a bouquet of sweet briar, stoned fruit and a hint of spicy ensured that Drappier was General Charles De Galle's favourite champagne.

Lallier Rose Premier Cru (ABV 12.0%)

R850

Elegant and charming red-fruit flavours with a touch of wild strawberry. This lively champagne has a unique bouquet and gorgeous colour we are told, as we have yet to sell one!

Sparkling Wines - Methode Cap Classique

175ml 375ml 750ml
glass

Pierre Jourdan Brut - Franschoek (ABV 12.0%)

R35 R110 R185

The lime characteristics of the Chardonnay predominate but are well supported by the Pinot Noir. This MCC is crisp, stimulating and rewarding on the palate, making it our most popular bubbly!

Villiera Tradition Brut - Paarl (ABV 12.0%)

R110 R190

If you'd like to be different, then this is the one for you. As with any bubbly, do take care as they have a habit of sneaking up on one...

Simonsig Brut Rose - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%)

R185

A delightful bright, rosy-pink colour. The mousse is fine and enthusiastic and brings out the floral and yeasty aromas in the mouth.

Graham Beck Brut Rose - Franschoek (ABV 12.0%)

R195

This wine has a beautiful salmon-pink colour with strawberry-fruit flavours. A favourite for special occasions that need to be remembered and cherished between two people.

Steenberg 1682 - Constantia (ABV 11.5%)

R215

The Brut 1682 yields a consistent flavour of fresh, Granny Smith apples with overtones of freshly-baked biscuits rounded by a creamy, yet fresh mouth feel.

Krone Borealis Cuvee Brut - Twee Jonge Gezellen, Tulbagh (ABV 12.0%)

R225

Elegant, classic, biscuit bouquet, with yeasty lees - creaminess and fine persistent bubble.

Krone Rosé Cuvee Brut - Twee Jonge Gezellen, Tulbagh (ABV 12.0%)

R255

Delicate berry fruits; elegant yeastiness with a fine, cream mousse.

Non-Alcoholic

Robertson Sparkling Doux - Non Alcoholic (ABV 0.0%)

R70

This semi-sweet, alcohol-free sparkling is full of delicate fruit, bubbles and sunshine.

In victory, you deserve Champagne, in defeat, you need it.
Napoleon Bonaparte



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Rosé

Dry

250ml 750ml

De Morgenzon Garden Vineyards Rosé - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.95%)

R27 R80

The best looking label I've ever seen on a bottle of wine....suggestive of what's inside!

Vrede en Lust "Jess" - Smonsberg Paarl (ABV 13%)

R95

A typical fruity dry rosé. Produced by Susan Erasmus with a delicate feminine touch.

Mulderbosch - Stellenbosch (ABV 12.5%)

R35 R100

100% Cabernet Sauvignon and a very clever way of using these grapes to make a delicious light and dry rosé.

JP Chenet Grenache-Cinsault - France (ABV 12.5%)

R110

The tasting notes are in French "Ays d'Oc - Indication Géographique Protégée 70% de Grenache 30% Cinsault" Loosely translated this means the famous JP Chenet bottle with the twisted neck containing a remarkably drinkable French rosé. We can let you have it at Barristers without the need for a *schengen visa*.

Sophie - Elgin (ABV 13.5%)

R125

An absolute delight according to the tasting notes. Why not judge for yourself?

Off-Dry

D'Aria Blush - Durbanville (ABV 13.0%)

R30 R80

We found this, late on a Wednesday in Mouille Point. Since then it's been a personal favourite. 60% merlot 40% Sauvignon Blanc...I presume with all the goodness of red wine, but not the tannins?

Boschendal Blanc de Noir - Franschhoek (ABV 13.5%)

R90

This combination of Pinot Noir and Shiraz imparts a lovely light salmon colour to the wine. The nose is of perfume and ripe fruit flavours, including red cherry and strawberries...oh my what boring stuff these wine people come up with! The real reason you'd like Boschendal Blanc de Noir is that firstly it tastes delicious, secondly Boschendal is such a beautiful estate and finally, it's been around forever...when did you first discover Boschendal?

Delheim Pinotage Rosé - Stellenbosch (ABV 12.5%)

R33 R95

When you want to escape the crowds from Camps Bay, but enjoy sunshine, then this is the rosé for you.. Delheim has delivered such value to South African Wine Lovers for such a long time and shows no signs of slowing down.

I'd prefer to have a full bottle in front of me than a full frontal lobotomy.

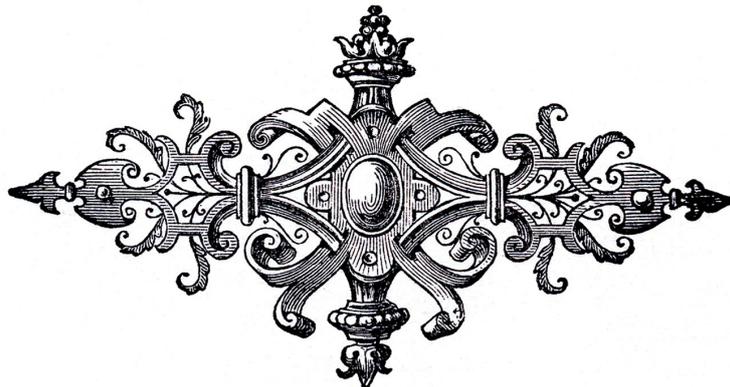


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The End of the Beginning

Beyond this door lies a treasure of red wines.



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	250ml	Bottle
Diemersdal Matys - Durbanville (ABV 14.0%) A blend of Pinotage, Merlot and Shiraz. Certainly the label says it all "Create your future, be original, respect your past, take risks, live free, love the plant (<i>note: not the weed</i>) and celebrate life.	R33	R95
Splattered Toad - Noordhoek, Cape Point (ABV 14.0%) This Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon blend is a simple drinkable red blend that delivers good value.	R35	R100
Nederburg Baronne - Paarl (ABV 14.0%) Now here is a wine that has been around forever. Remember that first date?		R105
Groote Post The Old Man's Red - Darling Hills (ABV 14.0%) This generous, good value wine is made from noble cultivars and is perfectly sums up the adage: old books, old friends and old wine. To be taken in slowly amongst lots of good conversation between authentic friends.	R35	R105
Boschendal Lanoy - Stellenbosch, Agter Paarl (ABV 14.3%) Lanoy is one of those wines that go well anywhere and everywhere. I have seldom come across anyone over the age of 25 who has not met up with a Lanoy.		R110
Reyneke Organic Red - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%) No artificial fertilizers or pesticides and I presume no herbicides, no fungicides. 40% Syrah, 60% Cabernet Sauvignon. (Note: organically grown; I'm told it is organically made as well, so should have much reduced sulphur content) ...déjà vu...	R38	R110
Hartenberg Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%) The perfect foil for a tender Barristers' Fillet. Hartenberg have been producing great wines since 1692. A well priced full bodied wine delivering true Hartenberg brand value.		R125
Three Peaks Cantata - Klapmuts - Simonsberg (ABV 14.5%) Rich, deep, well flavoured mouth with loads of ripe mulberry, plum and dark cherry flavours. Well balanced with supple tannins and fine acidity. Devils Peak, Maclair Beacon and Lions Head - I completed my one and only in 2003. It's run every year on the first Saturday in November. Do it before you die.		R130
Edgbaston The Pepper Pot - Finlayson Family, Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%) 46% Syrah, 46% Mourvedre, 8% Tannat....if you can pronounce Mourvedre you're well on your way to enjoying this very pleasing "radiant red berry" blend.		R135

"Writing in my sixty-fourth year, I can truthfully say that since I reached the age of discretion I have consistently drunk more than most people would say is good for me. Nor did I regret it. Wine has been for me a firm friend and a wise counsellor. Often...wine has shown me matters in their true perspective, and has, as though by the touch of a magic wand, reduced great disasters to small inconveniences. Wine has lit up for me the pages of literature, and revealed in life romance lurking in the commonplace. Wine has made me bold but not foolish; has induced me to say silly things but not to do them." -

Duff Cooper, "Old Men Forget"



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250ml Bottle

Thelema Mountain Red - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%)

R48 R140

This wine is a fresh and exciting blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from younger vineyards. It exhibits red fruit flavours with a clean, round finish. You can't go wrong with a Thelema Mountain Red.

Alto Rouge - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%)

R145

Alto Rouge seems to have been around forever which is not surprising as it comes from South Africa's oldest red wine estate. Consistently good, consistently delicious, it provides stability in changing times.

Tormentoso - Agter-Paarl (ABV 14.0%)

R150

A blend of Syrah and Mourvedre. A nice wine from nice people. Not nice as in the South African English meaning of "nice", but nice as in a great blend with complex flavours and a hint of pepper. (*yeah there I go – you try and do a wine list without getting sucked into wine speak!*)

They are part of MAN Vintners and seem such good people; and I love the Tormentoso label.

Nederburg - The Brew Master - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%)

R210

One of the Nederburg Heritage Wines – Goes very well with one of the Barristers Trilogy Fillets. A big wine named after the first wine maker at Nederburg. Well worth a try.

Hermanuspietersfontein (HPF) Kleinboet – Hermanus (ABV 14.5%)

R220

The label is in Afrikaans; loosely translated it tells us that this is a giant among red blends, larger than the Springbok front row and like our tight five, a blend of five classic red varieties.

Springfield “The work of time” - Robertson (ABV 14.0%)

R230

It took 9 years from planting to the first harvest; followed by 2 years of barrel maturation and then a further 4 years of bottle maturation, before finally being released as a classic and complex red blend. As the owners of Springfield state: “This long wait, justified only by our passion, does bear fruit. It's called-“The Work of Time”.



Someone once asked legendary wine writer (and partner/owner in a winery) Harry Waugh if he ever mistook a Bordeaux (Cabernet-Merlot) for a Burgundy (Pinot Noir). His reply?

"Not shince lunch."



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Pinotage - Unwooded

250ml Bottle

Robertson Pinotage - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R33 R95

Somehow Pinotage used to go with herringbone tweed, briar pipes and obscure books on architecture. Now it goes with anything; as long as it has the tang of a sharp cheese, a leaf of rocket or a smoky hint of pâté.

Meerkat - Wellington (ABV 13.5%)

R100

Schalk Burger & Sons, always gregarious, always on the ball...

Simonsig - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.15%)

R140

Deep black cherry hue with a Persian undercoat. Voluptuous nose displaying sweet raspberry aromas intertwine with layers of delicious plum & berry fruit. On the N1 outside Paarl - goes well with a cheese board.

Diemersdal - Durbanville (ABV 14.0%)

R165

This wine shows a complex nose of red fruits, vanilla, exotic spices, and rich dark chocolate aromas. The palate is full flavoured and smoothly textured with oriental spice, chocolate and roasted banana flavours.

Diemerdal Pinotage is so very popular and we simply could not imagine a red wine list without it!

Pinotage - Wooded

Hidden Valley - Helderberg Mountains, Stellenbosch (ABV 14.5%)

R160

Big bold style with softness on palate. The estate focuses on terroir driven wines, using sustainable environment practices. *(if there are such things)*

Diemersfontein - Wellington (ABV 14.0%)

R175

This is the one! The original coffee/chocolate Pinotage now in its seventh vintage.

It befriends - It coverts - It seduces.

Welbedagte - Durbanville (ABV 14.0%)

R195

Big like the Burgers this is a monster Pinotage and the perfect example of a true South African wine. Grown, picked, crushed, made, matured and bottled by Oom Schalk and the family on their farm Welbedagte.

*Here with a Loaf of Bread beneath the Bough,
A Flask of Wine, a Book of Verse - and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness -
And Wilderness is Paradise now.
The Rubiyaiyat of Omar Khayyam
translated by Edward Fitzgerald*



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Merlot

250ml Bottle

Robertson Merlot - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R33 R95

A glass a day definitely keeps the Bailiff away!

Ayama - Paarl (ABV 13.5%)

R35 R100

This is a supple, elegant and very appealing wine with the tannins well integrated. Haikona!

Darling Cellars Reserve Six Tonner - Darling, West Coast (ABV 14.0%)

R38 R110

Swartland winery at its best. Bush vines that deliver a scant six tons of grape per hectare with concentrated flavours and typical merlot smoothness. One of the most drinkable wines on the list.

Spier - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%)

R125

More than just Moya and the whole Spier thing. This is a wonderful merlot that truly tastes of blackcurrants and really is velvety smooth on the pallet.

Fleur du Cap - Stellenbosch, Somerset West (ABV 13.84%)

R140

Fleur du Cap has been around for generations and hints at the rich biodiversity of the Cape Floral Kingdom. On a warm day you will taste the hint on fynbos and if you close your mouth with a sip of this wine and really, really concentrate, you might just hear the sounds of the honey bee.

D'Aria Merlot - Durbanville (ABV 14.5%)

R150

A medium-bodied wine designed to emphasise rich, plum fruit complemented by gentle tannins acquired through judicious wooding. I need to taste more of this – once I'm done with my D'Aria Blush.

Bellpost - Vredendal, West Coast (ABV 14.5%)

R130

Bellpost comes from the dry Namaqualand, very close to the Vanrhynsdorp. Intense sunshine, gulps of fresh air and clean water from the Olifants River give the voluptuous merlot berries the perfect balance of flavour and ensure that the sunshine is captured in this well priced merlot. Once they start fracking in the Karoo this wine is going to be a gas!

De Grendel Merlot - Tygerberg, Cape Town (ABV 14.5%)

R180

Founded by the first baronet Sir David Graaf (1859 - 1932), De Grendel overlooks Table Bay and is distinguished by a cool growing climate, resulting in a distinctive and expressive style. Certainly the aristocrat of the Cape Merlots.

We others, who have long lost the more subtle of the physical senses, have not even proper terms to express an animal's inter-communications with his surroundings, living or otherwise, and have only the word 'smell,' for instance, to include the whole range of delicate thrills which murmur in the nose of the animal night and day, summoning, warning? inciting, repelling. It was one of these mysterious fairy calls from out the void that suddenly reached Mole in the darkness, making him tingle through and through with its very familiar appeal, even while yet he could not clearly remember what it was. He stopped dead in his tracks, his nose searching hither and thither in its efforts to recapture the fine filament, the telegraphic current, that had so strongly moved him. A moment and he had caught it again; and with it this time came recollection in fullest flood.

Dulce Domum - Kenneth Graham

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	250ml	Bottle
Shiraz Robertson Shiraz - Robertson (ABV 13.5%) Your dependable supply of those things in red wine that are good for you!	R33	R95
Hermit on the Hill Syrah - Paarl (ABV 14.5%) Pieter de Waal strives for honesty and elegance in his winemaking. His Hermit certainly delivers both of these in one of our most popular red wine by the glass. Garagiste wine making at its best.	R42	R115
First Sighting - Elim (ABV 14.0%) Read the wonderful story of the founding of Standveld Estates by a group of friends who were inspired by the maps of 15th Century Mariners and located their vineyards in close proximity to the sea. It happens to be right at the southern tip of Africa. The story of First Sighting explains why you are sitting here right now!		R135
Delaire Shiraz - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%) This juicy, ripe and approachable Shiraz with its ruby colour and purple tints has a spicy white pepper undertone as well as lavender and dark red fruit aromas. Just what you'd expect from an Owner in the Forbes Rich List.	R48	R140
Lady Anne Barnard Syrah - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.4%) The Cape owes lady Anne Barnard a debt of gratitude, as she was a great advocate of Cape wines, serving them to her prestigious guests instead of the imported wines fashionable in 1797?		R145
Zandvliet Shiraz - Robertson (ABV 14.0%) There is no other Shiraz with such heritage, respect and generally accepted as the icon of this cultivar. Zandvliet is synonymous with Shiraz. Drink it and you'll see why.		R155
De Grendel Shiraz - Tygerberg (ABV 14.0%) True to the heritage of the Graaff family farm, De Grendel lies on the south-western slopes of Tygerberg and enjoys spectacular views of the Mother City. This Shiraz captures the exquisite taste and aromas of Cape Town.		R180
Groote Post Shiraz - Darling, West Coast (ABV 14.5%) Platter (?) gives it 4½ stars. While that may not be a recommendation, who are we to argue? In anyone's language this is a mighty fine wine and a perfect example of a typical Shiraz, with all the light fruit flavours.		R190
Steenberg Shiraz - Constantia, Table Mountain (ABV 15.0%) Being opposite Pollmore is no coincidence. Open a Steenberg Shiraz and the rush of escaping flavours is overwhelming. Is it as good as their Sauvignon Blanc?		R235
Hartenberg Shiraz - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%) The wine that started my collection, back in the days. It still gives me a thrill to share a bottle of Shiraz with good friends. Hartenberg Shiraz is always light and fruity and drinkable at all times.		R250

What's in a name?

Shiraz if you are in South Africa, Australia or New Zealand
Syrah if you are European or American.

From the list above you can get an idea of which wines are targeted at which markets!



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Pinot Noir

Robertson Pinot Noir - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R33 R95

Rated the best pinot noir in its price range – delectable, light and best drunk chilled. on the deck during lunch when you are supposed to be back at work!

Paradyskloof Pinot Noir - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.0%)

R175

A medium bodied wine with dark ripe cherry on the nose and aftertaste. There are lovely, wet, earthy notes and a refreshing acidity. Only to be shared with really good friends.

De Grendel Pinot Noir - Tygerberg, Cape Town (ABV 13.0%)

R235

The closest wine estate to the City of Cape Town. De Grendel has been in the Graaff family for five generations and benefits from the cool climate it enjoys on the western slopes of the Tygerberg, overlooking Table Bay. If you're paying this is a good choice.

Haute Cabriere Pinot Noir - Franschhoek (ABV 13.5%)

R265

The joy of wine is to share wine intimately. In every glass of true Pinot Noir is an elegant lady to be treasured sip by sip. One glass at a time vintage by vintage, accurately recorded for always.

Cabernet Franc

Hermanuspietersfontein (HPF) Swartskaaip - Hermanus (ABV 14.0%)

R275

Last time we said: "It must be good at the price – to be honest we've not tasted it – but will as soon as we've saved up!"

Now thanks to the Barristers Wine Club, I had a taste, a smidgen, a hint, a delectable teasing tiny taste. Wow!

...a few extra reds....parlez vous francais?

Cotes du Rhone du Calvet - Rhone, France

R35 R100

Deep pomegranate red colour with ruby rim. Something like the colour of Debbie's hair. No prizes for guessing which is her favourite wine on this list. A typical of Grenache and Syrah. A chance to experience French wine without the Air France bit in between!

Chateaneuf Du Pap Calvert – AOC Chateaneuf-du-Pap France (ABV min 12.5%)

R285

A well know French wine with the distinctive embossed bottle. Carmen's all time favourite, but then she does have good taste!

A real hangover is nothing to try out family remedies on. The only cure for a real hangover is death.

Robert Benchley



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Cabernet Sauvignon

250ml Bottle

Robertson Cabernet Sauvignon - Robertson (ABV 13.5%)

R35 R95

Ever popular and always available at Barristers. What better way to unwind after a hard winter's eve drive from a cold day at the office en route home. (ps. In summer you should add ice)

Nederburg Cabernet Sauvignon - Paarl (ABV 14.01%)

R130

Nederberg has won more wine awards than any other South African wine. It's been around forever and is just such a good dependable wine that retains its popularity with old and young alike. As South African as you can get, open a bottle and enjoy a tour of our wonderful country.

Fat Bastard - Robertson (ABV 14.0%)

R45 R135

Large and round like someone you know. Buy one for a soon to be ex-friend.

Warwick "First Lady" - Simonsberg, Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%)

R50 R140

This elegant wine is crafted in a sophisticated style and the "First Lady" is a tribute to Norma Ratcliff - a pioneer in the South African Wine Industry.

Uitkyk Carlonet - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.3%)

R145

The name rolls of the tongue and brings back so many memories of great dinner parties, serious business meetings, family celebrations and pretending to be rich!

Bellpost Ruby Cabernet - Vredendal, West Coast (ABV 13.5%)

R150

Ruby cabernet has such a decadent colour. Even at my age I still blush when I drink it. Voluptuous and uplifting.

Lady Anne Barnard Cabernet Sauvignon - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%)

R160

A noble rich full cabernet. It reminds me of how lucky we are to live and work and eat and drink in Newlands.

L'Avenir - Stellenbosch (ABV 13.5%)

R175

Typical claret with spicy cigar box - leathery nose followed by intense flavours of cassis and blackcurrant. I've never tasted cassis so I'll have to take their word for it!

Springfield "Whole Berry" - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.0%)

R210

A velvety wine with softer tannins and classical varietal characteristics due to the maceration of the whole berry and gravity feeding the fermentation into oak barrels for one year. Barrister's best and smoothest red wine I believe. Always a safe bet...

Waterford - Stellenbosch (ABV 14.3%)

R275

First class example of modern but classically reminiscent cabernet. One of those wines to be enjoyed once your ship has come in!

*For when the wine is in, the wit is out.
Thomas Beacon (1512-1567)*



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The more we are together, together, together,
the more we are together, the happier we'll be.
'cause my friends are red wines,
and your friends are white wines....
So the more we are together
The happier we'll be!

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Dessert Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs

Dessert Wines

Monis Pale Dry Sherry, Monis Medium Cream Sherry, Monis Full Cream Sherry	18
Monis Muscadell	20

Ports

Allesverloren, Morgenhof	22
Overgaauw	27

Cognacs

Courvoisier VSOP	40
Hennessy VSOP, Remy Martin VSOP	50

Brandies

Klipdrift, Richelieu	10
Oude Molen 100 Reserve, KWV TEN Year	15
Oude Molen René Single Cask, Oude Molen Solera Grand Reserve	30
Oude Molen VOV	35

Whiskies

Ballentines, Bells, Famous Grouse, Grants, J & B, Johnnie Walker Red	15
Famous Grouse Black, Glen Grant	20
Gentlemen Jack, Glen Grant 10 yr, Johnnie Walker Black	25
Chivas Regal, , Singleton, Glenfiddich, Singleton 12 yr	30
Haig Dimple, Glenmorangie, Macallan 10 yr	35
Glen Grant 16 yr, Macallan 12 yr	40
	50

Irish Whiskeys

Bushmills Original, Tullamore Dew	20
Jameson's, Bushmills Blackbush	25

Liqueurs

Amarula, Campari, Cinzano Bianco, Rosso or Secco, Cape Velvet, Frangelico, Nachtmusic, Peach Schnapps, Sambucca Black, Strawberry Liqueur, Tang Sours, Triple Sec, Van der Hum, Malibu, Pimms, Crème de Menthe, Pernod	15
Amaretto, Jaegermeister, Kahlua	20
Cointreau, Drambuie, Tia Maria, Blue Curacao	25
Grappa (Klein Constantia – stilled on Table Mountain)	35

Rums

Mainstay Cane Sprit, Spiced Gold	10
Bacardi, Captain Morgan, Red Heart,	15

Gins

Gordon's	10
Bombay Sapphire, Tanqueray	20

Vodkas

Smirnoff Triple Distilled	15
Absolut, Carvo Caramel, Cruz Candy Vodka, Cruz Caramel Vodka Skyy	20

Bourbons

Southern Comfort	15
Jack Daniels, Jim Beam	20
Jack Daniels Honey Liqueur	25
Jack Daniels Single Barrel	35

Tequilas

Ponchos, Jose Cuervo Gold, Jose Cuervo Silver	20
Patrone,	30

Do NOT Drink and Drive – We can call a Cab for you!



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