

PORT ELIZABETH - SOUTH AFRICA

# Our Wine List

Diners Club Platinum Award Winner: 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

Diners Club Gold Award Winner: 2014

### DINERS CLUB WINE LIST RATING AND AWARDS

A Diners Club Winelist Award recognises the planning, passion and thought that the restaurant has put into creating a wine list that compliments its menu. This recognition is prestigious for the restaurant and an invitation to their patrons to sit back and enjoy a beautiful pairing of fine wines and food.



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## **HOW TO TASTE WINE**

Tasting wine should always be fun and should never be taken too seriously, but you can make it more enjoyable by having a better understanding of what you should be looking for?



### LOOK

Have a look at your glass and judge the colour and clarity of the wine. Is it vibrant or dull? Cloudy or clear? What colours can you detect? Tilt the glass and look at the edge of the wine, can you detect a tinge of another colour?



### **SMELL**

Give your glass a good swirl and stick your nose inside. Think about the different aromas you're taking in, do you smell berries, oak, flowers or a combination of all three? How many different aromas complex and interesting or simple and dull? Most importantly, are the aromas pleasant?



### **TASTE**

Sip your glass of wine. What mouthfeel sensations can you detect? How long does the flavour last? How intense is the flavour? Do you taste the wine over your whole mouth or are there gaps? Is the wine balanced or does something stick out? IS the wine complex or simple?

## **REPEAT**

Judge the wine over a whole glass, not just one sip. Let it evolve and tell its story.

#### **AGE**

You can tell a lot about a wines age by looking at the colour. Older red wines have more brown and orange hues compared to younger reds. Older whites are generally darker and more golden compared to younger whites.

#### AROMA & FLAVOUR

All the flavours you enjoy are the aromas in the wine. When tasting wine you should try and identify the different types of aromas that are present and before long you will begin to learn the different types of aromas that you enjoy the most.

#### TASTE SENSATIONS

When you taste a wine you are looking for the different taste sensations caused by the wine. The different components should be balanced.

Astringency is the sensation that causes the moisture to be sucked out of your lips giving a puckering sensation. Tannin in red wines can cause astringency.

Residual sugar relates to the amount of sugar in a wine and can be detected on the tip of your tongue. A wine high in residual sugar causes a hot sensation on the tip of your tongue.

Alcohol can be detected on the middle of your tongue.

A wine with unbalanced or high alcohol will cause a hot sensation in the middle of your tongue.

Acidity can be felt in the sides of your mouth. Wines that are high in acidity give a tart sensation, much like biting into a lemon.

When tasting wine you should also look at the complexity and length of flavour of the wine. Complexity refers to the number of different aromas and sensations you experience.

The best wines are highly complex, with each taste you find something new that keeps you coming back for more. To judge length of flavour, after you swallow the wine wait a short period of time and see if the flavour is still in your mouth. The best wines have fantastic length of flavour that lingers long after the wine has gone.

Source: www.ninety9bottles.com.au



### WINE AND FOOD PAIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

Seafood

Prawns Sauvignon Blanc / Chardonnay / Chenin Blanc
Oysters Champagne / Sparkling Wine / Chardonnay

Crayfish Chardonnay / Semillon

Line Fish Chardonnay / Semillon / Weisser Riesling / Chenin Blanc

Game Fish (Tuna, Marlin) Pinot Noir / Zinfandel / Viognier

Calamari Sauvignon Blanc / Pinot Grigio / Chenin Blanc

Fish Stew / Bouillabaisse Pinot Grigio / Pinot Noir / Sangiovese

Paella Rosé / Chenin Blanc
Mussels Semillon / Chenin Blanc

Poultry

Chicken Dry Rosé / Chardonnay / Viognier

Coq Au Vin Pinot Noir / Pinotage / Cabernet Sauvignon

Quail Merlot / Sangiovese / Pinot Noir

Duck Weisser Riesling / Pinot Noir / Merlot / Shiraz

Beef Cabernet Sauvignon / Red Blends / Merlot / Petit Verdot / Malbec

Lamb Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz / Pinotage / Red Blends

Pork Wooded Chenin Blanc / Weisser Riesling / Chardonnay / Pinotage

Veal Bordeaux Blend / Chardonnay / Pinot Grigio / Pinot Noir

Venison Pinotage / Shiraz / Mourvedre / Rhone Blends

Dessert

Hot Port / Red Muscadel

Cold Noble Late Harvest / White Muscadel / Special Late Harvest

## INSTANT ONLINE ACCESS TO WINE INFORMATION

Platter's vintages, producers and wine styles can be accessed on an iPhone and Android via the App Store and Google Play.





Star rating courtesy of John Platter South African Wines Guide to Cellars, Vineyards and Winemakers.

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Superlative. A classic

Outstanding, Fine International Standard

Excellent

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Very Good, Promising

Characterful, Appealing

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Good, Everyday drinking

Pleasant drinking

Casual quaffing

Garagiste - defined by a winemaker who creates fine limited production wines

# RECENT CAPE VINTAGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY - FROM PLATTERS SOUTH AFRICAN WINE GUIDE 2022

- The 2022 harvest started later than normal due to a cool growing season. The crop was smaller than in 2021, but still above average for the region. Wine quality seems promising and consumers can expect outstanding red wines.
- A bumper crop, lauded as "exceptional" for reds and whites thanks to cool temperatures, unusually high rain fall and a late harvest, which helped ease stock holding pressure caused by 2020's ban on exports and restric tions on local sales.
- Weather conditions were favorable in general and the bunch numbers looked promising early in the season, but windy conditions during the set and sensitive berry growth stages resulted in smaller berries and a lighter crop. The season was also characterized by great variation between and even within the same vineyard blocks in areas that experienced dry conditions.
- Again the draught affected the yields and ontop of it some farmers experienced high winds in October, during bud-break, which caused a considerable loss of crop. Uneven ripening of the bunches meant extra work in the cellar, but overall the grape producers were happy with the quality of the grapes.
- Wine grape producers and cellars in South Africa were positive about the quality of the wines from the 2018 harvest, despite challenging conditions resulting in one of the smallest crops in more than a decade.
- The South African harvest is slightly larger than last year following a dry season. Dry conditions resulted in healthy vineyards and good flavour concentration.
- Despite challenging climate conditions and a significantly smaller crop, good quality wines produced and better harvest than expected.
- 2015 Rated as the Vintage of the century. High yields and quality fruits.
- 2014 Later, slightly smaller and unusually cool, among wettest pre-seasons in years. Seemingly lighter, less powerful wines; potential for fine concentration and elegance if picked judiciously.
- 2013 Biggest crop to date, moderate conditions yielded good to very good reds and whites, lighter alcohol levels
- 2012 Unusually dry, hot January strained unirrigated vineyards; otherwise good to very good vintage for both reds and whites with lighter alcohol levels.
- Yet more variable than the last, impossible to generalise. As in 2010, producers track record should guide the buying and cellaring decision.
- A real test of the winegrowers savvy, and one of the toughest recent harvests to call. Be guided by producers track record.
- 2009 Perhaps one of the greatest vintages. Late, gruelling, but whites and reds both stellar.
- 2008 Long, wet, late and challenging but also unusually cool, favouring elegance in both reds and whites.
- 2007 Elegant, structured whites, smaller red-grape berries gave intense colour and fruit concentration.
- 2006 Perhaps the best white wine vintage in a decade particularly expressive Sauvignon and Chenin. Fleshy, mild-tannined reds, with lower alcohols.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED WITH EACH WINE

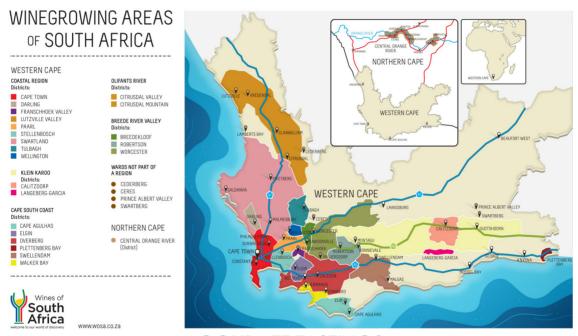
Vintage year The actual year of harvesting is indicated next to the name of the wine. Non Vintage means that the

wine is a combination of harvests

**Character** To assist selection, each wine has a character that will highlight the style of the wine: ie, dry.

**Description** An overview of the wine and it's characteristics that define the tasting experience.

### ILLUSTRATED SOUTH AFRICAN WINE REGIONS



**GOURMET TASTINGS** 

We also offer gourmet wine tastings, where our chef will create an exquisite 4-8 course dinner whereby each course will complement a carefully chosen wine. In addition, we also conduct Whisky and Gourmet Food Pairings.

## **NOTES**

### **Vintage Changes**

Please note that vintage changes may render a particular wine unavailable which is out of our control. There will however, always be a comparable wine offered.

#### Corkage

Corkage is available at a cost of R60.00 per bottle (750ml) and R80.00 for Magnums or larger. Note that a maximum of two bottles is permitted, thereafter a surcharge of R80.00 will be applied per bottle.



Aperitif
Enjoy an Aperitif whilst you choose your meal and accompanying wine

Pierre Jourdan Ratafia Chardonnay fortified with potstill Brandy made on the Estate, Haute Cabrière. Legendary winemaker of clas 'Champagne style' wines, Achim Von Arnim.	rsic	42	
Sherry			
Monis Pale Dry Is a classic fine type Sherry. Dry, aromatic and refreshing. It is best when served slightly chilled.		28	
Monis Medium Cream Produced in a solera, this medium cream Sherry is mellow and smooth with an elusive underlying sweetness	s which makes	28	
it a superb accompaniment to Hors d' oeuvres and Soup.  Monis Full Cream  Fully ripened grapes endow this glowing mature Sherry with a smooth rich character. It is an ideal companie Cheese and Nuts.	on to	28	
Wine by the Glass			
White Wines			
Jordan The Cold Fact Sauvignon Blanc 2022 ****  Vigorous gooseberry/grassy scents. Steely, brisk medium-bodied, excellent flavour, long, dry finish.  Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson	180 ml (glass)	75	
Pierre Jourdan Tranquille 2022 ***(*)(V)  A delicious light summer wine, fragrant bouquet with fine fruit and dry finish. Classic dry salmon-coloured.  Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Takuan von Arnim & Tim Hoek			
Leopard's Leap Semi Sweet 2022**(*)(V)  70% Chenin Blanc, 30% Muscat  Fruity melon and pineapple, lusciously sweet.  Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Renier van Deventer		40	
Red Wines			
Meinert Merlot 2018 ****  Supple, plush and rounded. The ripe fruit is checked by bright, juicy acidity. A good frame of integrated oak makes for an easy drinking wine.	180 ml (glass)	112	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Brendan Butler  Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 ****  Plush, dark fruit with supportive structure. Integrated new oak adds creamy texture.  Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Keria Steenkamp with Diet Steenkamp.	180 ml (glass)	60	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Kosie Steenkamp with Piet Steenkamp  Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2020 ***	180 ml (glass)	55	
69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz Rich, plummy Merlot compliments the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon.			
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The peppery, dark berry fruit of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend. Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson

## Rosé

## Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2022 \*\*\*(\*)

180 ml (glass) 55

Plummy Merlot combined with summer-berry flavours of Shiraz add complexity to this dry fruity rosé. Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan Tjaak Nelson

## Dessert Wine

## Beaumont Goute d'Or 2021 \*\*\*\*

50 ml (glass) 85

An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillon, dusty botrytis and Sauvignon's refreshing elements. Region: Bot Rivier Winemaker: Sebastian Beaumont



## Champagne

Dom Perignon  W.O. Haute Villiers, since 1668. An intense, vibrant, tactile yet mature, complex, and sensual champagne - Delicious!	750 ml	5800
Region: Champagne (Epernay), France Cellarmaster: Richard Geoffroy  Moët & Chandon Rosé  W.O. Epernay. Intense and aromatic blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.	750 ml	1850
Region: Champagne (Epernay), France Cellarmaster: Benoit Gouez  Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label  Golden-yellow, with a foaming necklace of tiny bubbles. Aroma's of white fruits and raisins, then of vanilla and later of brioche.	750 ml	1800
Region: Champagne (Reims), France Cellarmaster: Dominique Demarville  Moët & Chandon NV Brut Imperial  W.O. Epernay. Fine and elegant with a delicious biscuity aroma and flavour.	750 ml	1500
Region: Champagne (Reims), France Cellarmaster: Benoit Gouez		
$\mathcal{MCC}$		
Graham Beck Brut ****  Light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate.	750 ml	450
The exceptionally fine mousse contributes the freshness and finesse.	375 ml	260
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Peter Ferreira  Pongrácz Method Cap Classique	750 ml	370
Yellow stone fruit aromas stimulating citric notes. Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Elunda Basson		
Prosecco		
Sartori Prosecco Brut   Straw yellow in colour with light green hues; delicate fruit bouquet, reminiscent of wild apples and according to the property with subtle fruit and nut flavour.	acia flowers.	420
Region: Trevisio Winemaker: Andrea Satori		
Sparkling Wine		
Pierre Jourdan Cuvée Belle Rosé ***(*) (V)  A crisp elegant flavour with pinprick bubbles.	750 ml	345
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Takuan von Arnim  Leopard's Leap Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir ***(*) (V)  Elegant and well rounded with the perfect balance between freshness and fruit  Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Eugene Van Zyl	750 ml	245
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## White Wines Sauvignon Blanc

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2019  Displays a lovely spectrum of sauvignon blanc flavours and aromas. Zingy lime / grapefruit citrus, ripe tropical characters and delicate floral notes meld on the nose and palate. A small portion of barrel ferment adds weight and texture to the wine, nicely balanced by a mineral acid backbone.	1350
Country: New Zealand, Marlborough Winemaker: Tim Heath & Nick Blampied-Lane	
Cederberg Ghost Corner Wild Ferment 2019 ****(*) (V) Creamy, full palate with beautiful length enhanced with aromas of fleshy white pear & quince	620
Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Longavi Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Lead of the Longavi Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Lead of	480
Country: Chile, Leyda Valley Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt  La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2021 **** (Organically Grown) (v)  A rich complexity of tropical fruit flavours such as passion fruit, melon, apples and litchi. There are also hints of fynbos.	335
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Jordan The Cold Fact Sauvignon Blanc 2021 ****	285
Vigorous gooseberry/grassy scents. Steely, brisk medium-bodied, excellent flavour, long, dry finish.	203
Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson	
Chardonnay	
Springfield Wild Yeast Chardonnay (unwooded) 2021 **** Creamily rich texture, ripe tropical flavours simply fold into the mouth with stunning concentration.	345
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	
Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2019-2020 ****	245
Peach & spice upon entry, with a spicy mineral mid-palate & a textured finish, great balance & elegance.	
Region: Elgin Winemakers: Rudi Schultz & Duncan Clarke	
Diemersdal Chardonnay 2022 ****  Spicy aromas with fresh fruit flavours. The nose is elegant, with the richness of the fruit enhanced by apple & sweet melon.  Region: Durbanville Winemaker: Thys Louw & Mari Branders	195
Chenin Blanc	
Cederberg Five Generations Chenin Blanc 2021 ****(*) (v)  Delicate aromas of honey, lime zest, roasted nuts and peaches laced with sweet vanilla undertones from the oak.  Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	650
Vrede en Lust Kogelberg Chenin Blanc 2013 **** Full-bodied wine with tropical fruit character of Chenin. Palate is rich with hints of honey and ripe fruit.	460
Region: Paarl Winemaker: Susan Erasmus Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2022 ****(*)  Pineapple, pear and white fruit flavours with spiciness and aniseed, hints of butterscotch. Good balance. Excellent finish.  Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Bruwer Raats	295
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## White Blends

Cederberg Ghost Corner The Bowline 2022 ****(*) (v) 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon	580
Green fig and dusty elements from Semillon complement the ripe asparagus notes from the sauvignon blanc.  Complex wine with well-balanced oak.	
Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Springfield Miss Lucy 2022 ****	320
Unique blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Pinot Gris bursts with citrus pamplemousse flavours and full mouth feel.	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	225
Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2022 ****	235
77% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Noir A blush of pink, tropical fruit and citrus aromas follow through on the palate. An all time favourite.	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Takuan von Arnim & Tim Hoek	
Jordan Chameleon Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 2021 ***	165
67% Sauvignon Blanc, 21% Chardonnay, 12% Chenin Blanc	
Ripe Cape green fig Sauvignon Blanc and zesty, citrus-melon unoaked Chardonnay, balanced by a long creamy finish.	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters : Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson	
Pierre Jourdan Tranquille 2022 ***(*) (v)	160
55% Pinot Noir, 45% Chardonnay	
A delicious light summer wine, fragrant bouquet with fine fruit and dry finish. Classic dry salmon-coloured.  Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Takuan von Arnim & Tim Hoek	
Leopard's Leap Semi Sweet 2022 **(*) (v)	145
70% Chenin Blanc, 30% Muscat	1.5
Enjoy flavours of ripe guava joined by whiffs of almond and a decadent caramel mouth feel.	
Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Eugene Van Zyl	
Rosé and Blanc de Noir	
Codorborg Sustainable Bosé 2022 ***/*\ (Organically argum) (1/)	190
Cederberg Sustainable Rosé 2022 ***(*) (Organically grown) (v)  Fleshy raspberry notes, nice grip, light and dry enough.	190
Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2021 ***(*)	165
Plummy Merlot combined with summer-berry flavours of Shiraz add complexity to this dry fruity rosé.	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson	



## Other White Varietals

Boekenhoutskloof Semillon 2016 ****(*) Subtle and lessy, with some herbal and orange zest notes and a wild, natrually fermented undertone. Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Marc Kent	780
Thelema Rhine Riesling 2017 ***(*)	290
Spicy lime aroma, crisp dry finish with lasting flavours of ripe melon, fig & lemon on the palate.	250
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Rudi Schultz & Duncan Clarke	
Leeuwenkuil Marsanne 2014 ****	230
Ripe tropical fruit and hints of vanilla. Good acidity helps the lingering mineral aftertaste.  Region: Swartland Cellarmaster: Pieter Carstens	
Cederberg Bukettraube 2022 ***(*) (v)  An explosion of aroma and flavour. Prominent Muscat flavours with apricot and floral notes on the nose.  A well-balanced wine with a delicate sweetness and a crisp acidity.	230
Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Simonsig Gewürztraminer 2022 ***(*)  This wine shows elegant floral and litchi flavours with hints of rose petals and lime.  Litchi, rose petals and lime make a perfect match for curries and flavours with a bite!  Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmaster: Johan Malan	215
Red Wines	
Red Wines Cabernet Sauvignon	
Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2013-2015 ****(*) (v)  French oak has intensified the rich aromas of blackcurrant and cassis, layered with decadent dark chocolate and cherry tobacco	1200 o.
Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	400
Longavi Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 —— Crafted from a premium selected vineyard parcel in the Valley of Maule. A true expression of cool-climate terroir with a breatht intensity and richness. Dark red fruit aromas of Blackcurrant and tobacco. Ripe Tannin structure with a velvety finish.	490 taking
Region: Leyda Valley, Chile Wine makers: Julio Bouchon & Dawid Niewoudt	
Jordan The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 ****(*)  Deep ruby colour, huge mouth filling flavours of blackberry, cassis and vanilla. French Oak barrels add a complex toastiness.	480
Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tjaak Nelson	
Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 ****	220
A beautifully well rounded fruity wine that flavours your palate with hints of Black Pepper and Berry notes, as well as a smooth, lingering chocolate flavour finish.	



Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Kosie Steenkamp with Piet Steenkamp

## Pinotage

Wildekrans Pinotage Barrel Selection 2020 ****(*)  Full bodied yet smoothly structured. Toasty oak and sweetish finish detract from pretty raspberry undertones.	820
Region: Bot River Winemaker: William Wilkinson  Southern Right Pinotage 2021 ****  Internal Provided Control of the Control of	695
Intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice. Full ripeness and the longer hang-time afforded by cooler sites. Region: Hermanus Winemaker: Emul Ross	
Beaumont Jackals River Pinotage2022 ****  A delicious mouthful. Pure fresh raspberries and red currants.	565
Region: Bot River Winemaker: Sebastian Beaumont	
Shiraz	
De Grendel Shiraz 2020****(*) (v)	430
Full bodied, with violets and blackberries and well supported by oak undertones and sweet ripe tannins that linger with a bea clove flavour.	
Region: Durbanville Winemaker: Elzette de Preez	
Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah Shiraz 2020****	310
A medium-bodied Syrah with a vibrant colour. The nose has bright dark fruit with contributing perfumed aromas of violet sand rose petal.	
Region: Darling Western Cape Winemaker: Warren Ellis	
Groenland Shiraz Classic 2019 ***	210
This complex and traditional cultivar will tease your taste buds- on the palate with vanilla and smokey aromas. Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Kosie Steenkamp with Piet Steenkamp	
Merlot	
Meerlust Merlot 2015 ****(*) (v)	950
Intense dark fruit on the nose, mulberry and damson plum with hints of dark chocolate and spice. Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Chris Williams	
Vergelegen Merlot 2016 ****(*)	570
Ripe plum colour with a ruby rim. The nose shows ripe fruit flavours, black cherries, plum, spice and a touch of chocolate. The ripeness of the fruit is balanced by fresh fruit acidity and soft wood/fruit tannins. The aftertaste is long and lasting.	
Region: Somerset West Winemaker: André van Rensburg	
Meinert Merlot 2018 ***(*)	425
Our Meinert Merlot offers an array of complex red and black berries, overlain with spice and supported with juicy, supple tannins. Careful cellaring will reward you with great longevity, but one need not lay this wine down before being able to fully enjoy as our philosophy of 'a great wine only gets better with age' underpins our wine-farming philosophy. Enjoy each sip to enrich the soul and ignite your inner youthful spark.	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Brendan Butler	



## Pinot Noir

F	Cederberg Ghost Corner Pinot Noir 2020 ****(*) (v)  Prominent red fruit of ripe cherries and sweet raspberries with an undertone of earthy, mushroom nuances.	610
	Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
	Dak Valley Sound of Silence Pinot Noir 2020 ****	320
	Oried strawberry, cured meats and potpourri on the nose with beetroot and cranberry on the palate.	
F	Region: Elgin Winemaker: Jacques du Plessis	
	Red Blends	
	Meerlust Rubicon 2015-2016 ****(*) (v)	1250
	19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot	
	From the Director's Cellar. Cassis & graphite whiffs, plush yet lithe and restrained, with good grip from 69 % cab with	
	merlot and cab franc.	
	Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmaster: Chris Williams	4454
	Buitenverwachting Christine 2015 ****(*) (v)	1150
	17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec	
	From the Director's Cellar. Merlot, cab franc and malbec, offers rich deep cassis & cherry fruit. Spicy cedar minerals.	
	A touch leaner than previous, but nicely zesty.	
	Region: Constantia Winemaker: Brad Paton with Stephan Steyn Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2019 ****(*)	780
	42% Sangiovese, 17% Nebbiolo, 15% Pinot Noir, 12% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre, 7% Barbera	760
	This vintage is fresh and alive with a characteristic Italian mouthfeel reflecting fruity complexity. Olive and red current flavours	
	combine with cranberry to result in a lingering finish and complex mouthfeel. Excellent maturation is expected.	
	Region: Hermanus Cellarmaster: Chris Albrecht with Nelis Uys	
	Ataraxia Serenity 2019 ****	530
	Cinsault, Pinotage and Pinot Noir.	550
	Finely scented vibrant nose with beautifully lifted dark berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spicy notes.	
	Region: Hemel-en-aarde Ridge Winemaker: Kevin Grant	
	Rustenberg John X Merriman 2020 ****(*)	465
	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc	
	Glossy high-toned ripeness presently accompanied by persistent grip.	
	Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmaster: Murray Barlow	
	Cederberg Merlot/Shiraz 2020 ***(*) (v)	270
	70% Merlot, 30% Shiraz	
	Abundance of fruit on the nose. Sweet plums and black currents from the Merlot and a slight hint of spice from the Shiraz.	
	Region: Cederberg/Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
	Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2020 ***	190
	69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz	
	Rich, plummy Merlot complements the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon. The peppery, dark berry fruit	
	of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend.	
	Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmasters: Gary & Kathy Jordan with Tiaak Nelson	



## Other Red Varietals

Neil Ellis Piekenierskloof Vineyard Selection Grenache 2018 ****(*)	725
The nose has red cherries and strawberries with perfumed violet like aromas. A fresh palate with flavours of rasberries and strawberries leading into a balanced mid palate of fine textured tannins.  Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Warren Ellis	
Raats Dolomite Cabernet Franc 2019 ****(*)	380
Cherries, pepper & smokey notes before sweep of meaty red fruit – cranberries , ripe plums. Deliciously different.	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellarmaster: Bruwer Raats	205
Zorgvliet Petit Verdot 2018 ****  Has an intense black colour with a vibrant purple rim. The nose is deep and brooding, with black fruit on the nose and aromas of the second process.	365 of
violets, printers ink, iodine, dried sage and cassis. Tight and focused structure on the mid palate with a medium length finish.	7)
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Bernard le Roux & Ruben Adams	
Leeuwenkuil Cinsault 2015 ***(*)	250
An elegant and velvet wine good colour and concentration for Cinsault. Red berries and cherries,	
savoury black olives and black spices.  Region: Swartland Cellarmaster: Pieter Carstens	
Dessert Wines	
Tierhoek Straw Wine NV ****(*) (375ml)	545
An unctuous wine of immense flavours of dried apricots and honey.	
Wonderful clean finish on the palate with fine balance of sweetness and fresh natural fruit acidity Region: Citrusdal Cellarmaster: Roger Burton	
Beaumont Goutte d'Or 2021 **** (375ml)	460
An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillon, dusty botrytis.	
Region: Bot River Winemaker: Sebastian Beaumont	
Port	
Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage (glass)	32
Deep ruby red. Freshly picked grapes with a hint of cinnamon and spice. A velvety and rich wine with a soft and smooth lingering fruitcake finish.	

Region: Riebeek West Cellarmaster: Danie Malan



Whisky		Brandy	
Bells	R39	Back Sydney Back	R55
Chivas Regal	R50	K W V 10 YEAR	R70
Famous Grouse	R37	K.W.V 20 YEAR	R135
Glen Grant	R60	_	R30
		Klipdrift	K30
Glenfiddich	R60	6	
Glenmorangie	R70	Cognac	D00
J & B	R37	Hennesey	R80
J Walker Black	R65	Remy Martin	R80
J Walker Blue	R260		
J Walker Red	R40	Rum	
Jack Daniels	R45	Bacardi	R38
Jameson	R50	Captain Morgan	R35
Southern Comfort	R35	Red Heart	R35
		Spiced Gold	R35
White Spirits			
Bombay Sapphire	R40	Beer & Cider	
Cane	R30	Amstel	R40
Six Dogs Karoo Gin	R55	Black label	R38
Six Dogs Blue Gin	R55	Castle	R38
Six Dogs Pinotage Stained Gin	R55	Castle Lite	R40
Six Dogs Honey Lime Gin	R55	Hansa	R40
Gordons	R30	Heineken	R45
Malibu	R30	HuntersDry	R40
Smirnoff Vodka	R30	Millers	R40
		Savanna Dry	R45
Liqueur		Savanna Light	R45
Amarula	R35	Windhoek	R45
Blue curacoe	R30	Willander	5
Butlers Peppermint Liquer	R30	Cordials	
Butlers Crème de Banana	R30	Kola Tonic	R12
Cointreau	R45	Lime	R12
Frangelico	R38	Passion Fruit	R12
Jagermeister	R35	rassion ruit	NIZ
Kahlua	R35	Minerals	
Sambuca	R35		R40
	R30	Appletizer	R35
Triple Sec	KSU	Coke	R35
Mineral Water		Coke Light / TAB	
	DEO	Coke Zero	R35
Still Water 750ml	R50	Dry Lemon	R30
Sparkling Water 750ml	R50	Ginger Ale	R30
Still Water 500ml	R32	Grapetizer	R40
Sparkling Water 500ml	R32	Ice Tea BOS	R45
		Lemonade	R30
		Red Bull	R48
		Soda	R30
		Sprite Zero	R35
		Tomato Cocktail	R36
		Tonic	R30



## Wine Terms & Wine Lingo

Learning some wine terminology is often the first step to increasing your wine knowledge. Use our list below to help you along as you encounter new wine lingo.

#### **ACIDS**

Acids give wine tartness. Several acids are in the grape before fermentation, and others arise afterward. Acids often make a wine seem "crisp" or "refreshing."

#### **AFTERTASTE**

A tasting term for the taste left on the palate after wine has been swallowed. "Finish" is a synonym.

#### **ALCOHOL**

Generally refers to ethanol, a chemical compound found in alcoholic beverages. It is also commonly used to refer to alcoholic beverages in general.

#### APPELLATION OF ORIGIN

You might see this phrase on a wine label. It denotes the place where most of the grapes used in the wine were grown. An appellation of origin can be the name of a country, state, county or geographic region. Federal regulations require that at least 75 percent of the grapes must be grown in the named appellation of origin.

#### **AROMA**

The smell of a wine. The term is generally applied to younger wines, while the term Bouquet is reserved for more aged wines.

#### **ASTRINGENCY**

The degree of astringency (how much a wine makes your mouth pucker) depends upon the amount of tannin a wine has absorbed from the skins and seeds of the grapes. A moderate amount of astringency is desirable-it creates a lovely flavor-in many red wine types.

#### **BALANCE**

A wine has balance when its elements are harmonious; when no one part dominates. Acid should balance against sweetness; fruit should balance against oak and tannin; alcohol balances against acid and flavor.

#### BARREL

A hollow cylindrical container, traditionally made of wood staves, used for fermenting and aging wine. Sometimes called a cask.

#### **BAUMÉ**

A measure of the sugar concentration in the juice or wine.

#### **BLENDING**

The mixing of two or more different parcels of wine together by winemakers to produce a consistent finished wine that is ready for bottling. Laws generally dictate what wines can be blended together, and what is subsequently printed on the wine label.

#### **BLIND TASTING**

Tasting and evaluating wine without knowing what it is.

#### **BOTRYTIS CINEREA**

See Noble rot.



#### **BOTTLE SHOCK**

Also known as bottle-sickness, a temporary condition of wine characterized by muted or disjointed fruit flavors. It often occurs immediately after bottling or when wines (usually fragile wines) are shaken in travel. After several days the condition usually disappears.

#### **BODY**

It's all about how thin or thick the wine feels in your mouth. "Light body" connotes a thin feeling in your mouth. "Medium body" means that a wine is full-flavored, without being too heavy. "Heavy body" means the wine has a robust, round, and very rich feel.

#### **BOUQUET**

Smells that result from a wine's aging process. Bouquet can also describe a wine's overall smell.

#### **BRIX**

A standardized scale to measure the sugar content in grapes before fermentation. Most table wines are harvested between 19 degrees and 25 degrees Brix.

#### **BRUT**

A French term for a very dry champagne or sparkling wine. Drier than extra dry.

#### **BUNG**

A stopper used to seal a bottle or barrel. Commonly used term for corks.

#### CARBONIC MACERATION

A winemaking practice of fermenting whole grapes that have not been crushed.

#### **CELLAR**

A storehouse or storeroom used specifically for holding wine. Long ago, wine was best kept in underground cellars. Modern methods of insulation and temperature control have transformed the job of storing wine, making it possible for wine "cellars" to be above ground as well. Wine is best stored horizontally in a dark place with minimal temperature fluctuation. The optimal temperature for storing most wines is between 45°F and 65°F. Check out Serving and Storage for more details.

#### **CELLARING**

To age wine for the purpose of improvement or storage. Cellaring may occur in any area which is cool (12-15°C), dark, free from drastic temperature change, and free from vibrations. Bottled wines are typically cellared on their sides.

#### **CHAPTALIZATION**

A winemaking process where sugar is added to the must to increase the alcohol content in the fermented wine. This is often done when grapes have not ripened adequately.

#### **CHARMAT PROCESS**

The Charmat or bulk process is a method where sparkling wines receive their secondary fermentation in large tanks, rather than individual bottles as seen in Méthode champenoise.

#### **CLARIFICATION**

A winemaking process involving the fining and filtration of wine to remove suspended solids and reduce turbidity.

#### **CORKED**

A tasting term for a wine that has cork taint.

#### **CRÉMANT**

French sparkling wine not made in Champagne region.



#### **CRUST**

Sediment, generally potassium bitartrate, which adheres to the inside of a wine bottle.

#### **CUVE**

A large vat used for fermentation.

#### **CUVÉE**

A wine blended from several vats or batches, or from a selected vat. Also used in Champagne to denote the juice from the first pressing of a batch of grapes.

#### **DECANTING**

The process of pouring wine from its bottle into a decanter to separate the sediment from the wine.

#### DÉGORGEMENT

The disgorging or removal of sediment from bottles that results from secondary fermentation.

#### **DEVATTING**

The process of separating red must from pomace, which can happen before or after fermentation.

#### DOUX

The French word for sweet. Usually refers to the sweetest category of sparkling wines.

#### DRY

Wines with zero or very low levels of residual sugar. The opposite of sweet, except in sparkling wines, where dry means sweet.

#### **EXTRACT**

Everything in a wine except for water, sugar, alcohol, and acidity, the term refers to the solid compounds such as tannins. High levels of extract results in more color and body, which may be increased by prolonging the wine's contact with the skins during Cuvaison.

#### **FERMENTATION**

This is the way in which grape sugar is converted to ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide, thereby converting grape juice into wine.

#### **FINING**

A clarification process where flocculants, such as bentonite or egg white, are added to the wine to remove suspended solids.

#### **FINISH**

The finish is the overall taste that remains in your mouth after you've swallowed the wine; it's the length and pleasantness of the aftertaste. A well-balanced, full-bodied wine usually has a long finish, while a well-balanced, light-bodied wine has a shorter finish.

#### **FLABBY**

Tasting term used to indicate a wine lacking in structure, often marked by low acidity.

#### **FORTIFIED WINE**

Wine to which alcohol has been added, generally to increase the concentration to a high enough level to prevent fermentation.

#### **FREE RUN**

Juice obtained from grapes that have not been pressed.



#### HARD

A tasting term for a wine that contains too much tannin and is therefore unpleasant. Hard wines often take a long time to mature.

#### LATE HARVEST WINE

Also known as late picked, wine made from grapes that have been left on the vine longer than usual. Usually an indicator for a very sweet or dessert wine.

#### **LEES**

Wine sediment that occurs during and after fermentation, and consists of dead yeast, grape seeds, and other solids. Wine is separated from the lees by racking.

#### **LEGS**

You've seen them-the drops of wine that creep down the side of the wine glass. A higher alcohol content means thinner legs flow back into the wine after you swirl the glass.

#### LOOK

A tasting term for the casual sensory evaluation of a wine.

#### **MACERATION**

The contact of grape skins with the must during fermentation, extracting phenolic compounds including tannins, anthocyanins, and aroma. See also Cuvaison.

#### **MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION**

Also called "secondary fermentation." The sharp malic acid in wine converts to lactic acid and carbon dioxide, thereby decreasing tartness and creating buttery aromas.

#### MICRO OXYGENATION

The controlled exposure of wine to small amounts of oxygen in the attempt to reduce the length of time required for maturation.

#### **MIDPALATE**

A tasting term for the feel and taste of a wine when held in the mouth.

#### **MOUTHFEEL**

The various sensations – thick or thin, round or lean – a wine can create while in the mouth.

#### **NOBLE ROT**

Another name for the Botrytis cinerea mould that can pierce grape skins causing dehydration. The resulting grapes produce a highly prized sweet wine, generally dessert wine.

#### NOSE

Many wine lovers prefer to say nose, but what they actually mean is the smell or aroma of the wine. The nose of a wine is best sensed by smell just after you swirl the wine in your glass. Check out How to Taste Wine to learn more about the classical process of wine tasting.

#### **OFF-DRY**

A wine that has the barest hint of sweetness; a slightly sweet wine in which the residual sugar is barely perceptible.

#### **OLD VINE**

Wine produced from vines that are notably old.

#### **PALATE**

A tasting term for the feel and taste of a wine in the mouth.

#### PH



A measure of the acidity. The lower the pH, the higher the acidity. The term comes from the French Pouvoir Hydrogéne meaning "hydrogen power". pH is a shorthand for its mathematical approximation: in chemistry a small p is used in place of writing log10 and the H here represents [H+], the concentration of hydrogen ions.

#### **PHYLLOXERA**

Underground insect that kills grape vines by attacking their roots.

#### **PLONK**

British English slang for an inexpensive bottle of wine. The term is thought to originate from the French word for white wine, "blanc".

#### **POMACE**

The skins, stalks, and pips (seeds) that remain after making wine. Also called marc.

#### **POTASSIUM SORBATE**

A wine stabilizer and preservative.

#### **PROOF**

Refers to the alcohol content of a beverage. In the United States, proof represents twice the alcohol content as a percentage of volume. Thus, a 100 proof beverage is 50% alcohol by volume and a 150 proof beverage is 75% alcohol. In the Imperial system, proof, (or 100% proof), equals 57.06% ethanol by volume, or 48.24% by weight. Absolute or pure ethanol is 75.25 over proof, or 175.25 proof.

#### **RACKING**

The process of drawing wine off the sediment, such as lees, after fermentation and moving it into another vessel.

#### **RESERVE**

A term given to wine to indicate that it is of higher quality than usual.

#### **RESIDUAL SUGAR**

Often referred to as RS, it is a measure of the amount of sugar remaining in the wine after fermentation stops. RS is usually measured in grams of sugar per liter or milliliter of wine, and it indicates how sweet or dry a wine is.

#### **REVERSE OSMOSIS**

A process used to remove excess water from wine.

#### **RIDDLING**

Also known as "Rémuage" in French, part of the Méthode Champenoise process whereby bottles of sparkling wine are successively turned and gradually tilted upside down so that sediment settles into the necks of the bottles in preparation for degorgement.

#### **SCREWCAP**

An alternative to cork for sealing wine bottles, comprising a metal cap that screws onto threads on the neck of a bottle. Also called a "Stelvin".

#### SEC

French for dry, except in the case of Champagne, where it means semi-sweet.

#### SECONDARY FERMENTATION

Most commonly the term is used to refer to the continuation of fermentation in a second vessel - e.g. moving the wine from a stainless steel tank to an oak barrel.

#### **SOMMELIER**

(So-mel-YAY) The French word for wine steward. Many fine restaurants have a Sommelier to assist guests in choosing a wine from the menu.

#### **SULFITES**

Compounds (typically: potassium metabisulfite or sodium metabisulfite) which are added to wine to prevent oxid

#### SUI PHUR DIOXIDE

A substance used in winemaking as a preservative.

#### **TANNINS**

Naturally occurring substances found mostly in grape skins, seeds and stems. They can give young wines a mouth-puckering bitterness and astringency, but some tannins are desirable in red wines to give them structure.

#### **TERROIR**

French for "soil", the physical and geographical characteristics of a particular vineyard site that give the resultant wine its unique properties.

#### **TEXTURE**

A tasting term for the mouthfeel of wine on the palate.

#### TRANSPARENCY

The ability of a wine to clearly portray all unique aspects of its flavor--fruit, floral, and mineral notes. The opposite would be a wine where flavors are diffused and thoroughly integrated.

#### UNOAKED

Also known as unwooded, refers to wines that have been matured without contact with wood/oak such as in aging barrels.

#### **VARIETAL**

The varieties of grape from which the wine was made. You might be familiar with many of these: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Shiraz.

#### **VINICULTURE**

The art and science of making wine. Also called enology (or oenology). Not to be confused with viticulture.

#### VINTAGE

The year in which the grapes used to make the wine were harvested.

#### VITICULTURE

The cultivation of grapes. Not to be confused with viniculture.

#### **VOLATILE ACIDITY**

The level of acetic acid present within a wine.

#### WINE-PRESS

A device, comprising two vats or receptacles, one for trodding and bruising grapes, and the other for collecting the juice.

#### **YEAST**

A microscopic unicellular fungi responsible for the conversion of sugars in must to alcohol. This process is known as alcoholic fermentation.

#### YOUNG

Wine that is not matured and usually bottled and sold within a year of its vintage.

#### **ZYMOLOGY**

The science of fermentation.

