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WINE LIST

CHAMPAGNE

Laurent Perrier Brut NV

R740

Region: Tours-sur-Marne, Champagne
Blend: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier
Description: Pale gold with a delicate and fine bead. On the nose, subtle spice and hints of citrus. Warm toasty notes balance the freshness of fruit. Medium bodied and very easy on the palate. Perfectly balanced: a soft mouth-feel belies the strong structure of the wine. Finishes clean yet delicately lingers.

Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut NV

R990

Region: Aÿ, Champagne
Blend: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier
Description: Pale golden in colour with yeasty aromas on the nose. Very dry but with toasty flavours in the mouth. Round and richly flavoured, full bodied and mature, with perfect balance between firmness and freshness, length equal to its richness, and with a persistent fine bead. In champagne terms, this is the definitive "masculine" style. The high percentage of pinot noir ensures a full-bodied, rich style and the addition of 5 to 10% reserve wines (each aged up to fifteen years) give complexity and depth. Yeast on the nose, dry and toasty in the mouth, with great length and perfect balance.

Mumm Cordon Rouge NV

R990

Region: Rheims, Champagne
Blend: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier
Description: Mumm Cordon Rouge is a distinctively fresh, full-bodied champagne with impeccable consistency of taste. Golden yellow to the eye with tinges of jade green. The sparkle is gentle, elegant and sustained. On the nose there are citrus hints and rich fruit aromas of white peach and apricot. These lengthen into notes of vanilla, dried fruits and honey. On the palate, the complex fusion of fresh fruit and caramel point to the wine's inherent quality. Gentle acidity, sparkle that's ample but not overbearing and an unusually long-lasting taste are the hallmarks of a balanced finish, consistent and multi-faceted.

Laurent Perrier Cuvée Rosé Brut NV

R1490

Region: Tours-sur-Marne, Champagne
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Description: On the nose, precise and very crisp. Wide range of small red fruits: strawberries, red currants, raspberries and black cherries. Its amazing freshness is the dominating note. On the palate, intensely fruity flavors, clean, well-defined and slightly sharp, the wine then opens up to provide an impression of plunging into a basket of freshly picked red berries: strawberries, Morello cherries, black currants and raspberries. The wine is supple and rounded on the finish.

The final word goes to Madame Lily Bollinger - "I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it - unless I'm thirsty."

MÈTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE (MCC)

Champagne is a wine region in France, and their controlling body, CIVC, objected to the use of the work "Champenoise" by other producers. As a result, Cape producers had to come up with an alternative name and in South Africa, this prestigious wine category became known as Cap Classique. The name was derived from the fact that the classic art of winemaking was introduced to the Cape by the French Huguenots, and the first bottle-fermented sparkling wine produced at the Cape was called Kaapse Vonkel (Cape Sparkle).

Pongracz MCC

R125

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: Attractive as ever. Delicate yeasty tones, layered with toast and ripe fruit. Firm mousse. Big, foamy mouthful, black fruit flavours with good length. The wine is elegant and complex.

Krone Borealis Cuvée Brut 2008

R225

Region: Tulbach
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: This bottle fermented sparkling wine has an elegant, biscuity bouquet, with yeasty lees-creaminess and fine, persistent bubbles.

Muratie Méthode Cap Classique 2007

R350

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: This bubbly offers crisp apple followed by biscuit flavours. The Pinot Noir supports the Chardonnay by giving the wine a fuller, more rounded structure. A fine mousse caresses the tongue. A great achievement for Muratie's first ever Cap Classique.

Krone Rosé Cuvée Brut 2005

R325

Region: Tulbach
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: Sassy, refreshing and uplifting with delicate berry fruits; elegant lees-yeastiness and a fine, creamy mousse.

SPARKLING WINE

Robertson "Vendage" Sparkling Brut

R118

Region: Robertson
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: A sophisticated dry sparkling wine with delightful hints of granadilla, pineapple and green apples. The finish is fresh and crisp.

Robertson "Vendage" Sparkling Vin Blanc

R118

Region: Robertson
Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
Description: A sweet sparkling wine with aromas of peach, pineapple and melon which are prominent. The tropical, silky finish makes it easy to enjoy.

HOUSE WINES

Spier Savanha Sun Wines

Spier was a founding member of the Stellenbosch wine route, and, with their sustainable approach to business, they continue to play a pioneering role in the industry. They were the first South African winery to receive certification from the Wine Industry Ethical Trade Association, and are a member of the Biodiversity and Wine Initiative.

Their wines, produced under two brands, Spier and Savanha, each include a set of ranges offering premium quality at exceptional value for lovers of fine wine. An impressive list of awards has been amassed by the brands in recent years.

Savanha Chardonnay 2010

R95

Description: A medium-bodied wine with aromas of tropical fruit and citrus that follow through to a well-structured palate with a lingering aftertaste. Serve well-chilled.

Savanha Chenin Blanc 2010

R95

Description: Straw pale in colour with a green hue. Ripe guava and tropical fruit present on the nose. The tropical fruit follows through to the palate, where it is joined by a medley of green and yellow flavours. A fresh, crisp, approachable wine with a lingering aftertaste.

Savanha Merlot 2008

R100

Description: Dark ruby in colour, the wine shows delicious aromas of caramel and black cherry with hints of mint. A smooth palate of fresh cherries is joined by flavourful caramel and cigar box undertones. A lingering finish shows mouth-filling fruit and a smooth supporting structure.

Savanha Shiraz 2010

R100

Description: Dark red in colour, the wine shows inviting blackcurrant and black pepper on the nose. Prominent berries linger on a well-structured palate with classic hints of spice.

"The French word terroir is used because no single English word conveys the subtle combination of soil, micro-climate, and grape varieties. This is all brought together by winegrowers, who increase their in-depth knowledge vintage after vintage. The successful relationship between fine terroirs and gifted wine-growers is what makes great growths such as Palmer so special."

(Château Palmer)

DRY WHITE

Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon Blanc produces wines of our times: white, dry and refreshingly zesty. This classic variety has been grown for centuries in France, specifically regions like Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé and the Gironde. Only in the last couple of decades has it become popular in the newer wine regions such as South Africa and New Zealand. The grape produces wines which are typically aromatic, with an aroma often associated with green pepper, gooseberry bush and asparagus.

Boekenhoutskloof

Porcupine Ridge Sauvignon Blanc 2010

R105

Region: Franschhoek

Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Description: Tropical fruit flavours with gooseberries and a hint of nettles. The flavours carry on to the palate with a good long, dry finish. Crisp natural acidity and good balance ensures a streamlined, easy drinking wine.

Fat Bastard Sauvignon Blanc 2010

R150

Region: Franschhoek

Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Description: A powerful balanced Sauvignon Blanc showing good fruit texture with layers of tropical fruit. A fresh, crisp acidity follows through to a long, smooth finish.

Hidden Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2010

R185

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Description: This opulent Sauvignon Blanc shows delicious aromas of tropical melon, passion fruit and guava which follows through to a smooth, mouth-filling palate. The palate is layered with sweet gooseberries, nettles and subtle mineral notes.

Creation Sauvignon Blanc 2010

R195

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde

Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Description: A superbly balanced wine with aromas of tropical fruit, elegant elderflower and interesting, minerally whiffs. These follow through on to the palate where crisp, well-integrated acidity adds to the allure.

*"I prefer to decant wines, both young and old. It is a sign of respect for old wines and a sign of confidence in young wines. Decanting old wines, just a few moments before they are served, helps to ensure that the wines' clarity and brilliance are not obscured by any deposit that may have developed over time. Decanting young wines several hours before they are served gives the wine a chance to bloom and attain a stage of development that normally requires years of aging."
(Thoughts on decanting by Christian Moueix)*

Chenin Blanc

Chenin Blanc is the most planted variety in South Africa. It is a magical chameleon of a grape, although remarkably few of the hundreds of growers who harvest it each year even realize that magic is there. It is used, versatile, resistant to disease and versatile. Chenin Blanc can produce exquisite sweet whites, attractive dry and off-dry white wines with attractive floral and fruity aromas.

Landskroon Chenin Blanc 2010

R80

Region: Paarl
Blend: 100% Chenin Blanc
Description: Medium to full-bodied with clear lemon, lime and peach tones. Dry palate and a wine that is crisp and refreshing for everyday enjoyment and as an accompaniment to salads, fish and white meat dishes.

Spier Chenin Blanc 2010

R95

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Chenin Blanc
Description: The wine shows aromas of guava and tropical fruit with subtle hints of kiwi fruit. A well-balanced palate of lively fruit shows firm acidity and a long, mouth-watering finish.

False Bay Chenin Blanc 2010

R110

Region: Somerset-west
Blend: 100% Chenin Blanc
Description: A rich Chenin Blanc with gentle aromas of apple and tropical fruit. The bright acidity helps to carry the generous mouth-feel. Due to the natural ferment the wine has great complexity and great length. A versatile wine equally well suited to partner dishes like seafood, risotto or roast chicken.

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2010

R165

Region: Cederberg
Blend: 100% Chenin Blanc
Description: This crisp, reductively made Chenin Blanc is in true Cederberg Style, showing a powerful nose of tropical melon, grapefruit and lemon peel. Five months of lees contact created a mouth tingling crispness with a lingering finish. Superb food compatibility. Definitely one of the most successful Cape Chenins of the last decade.

*"Presenting the cork is wine nonsense, a ritual invented by captains and sommeliers. The wine snob doesn't resent ritual. There is infinite ritual in the etiquette of serving wine. But most of it at least hints at style or purpose. Placing an unsightly cork on the tablecloth hints at absurdity."
(Leonard S. Bernstein)*

Chardonnay

Chardonnay is without a question the single most sought after varietal in the world today. The grape grower loves to grow it, the winemaker loves to fashion it and we all love to drink it. Chardonnay can be relied upon to produce a wide range of different, but decidedly high quality, styles of wine. It is probably the white grape whose wines have the greatest affinity with oak ageing, giving the wine a full, supple, buttery and fruity mouth-feel. Chardonnay is considered a noble variety.

De Krans Chardonnay 2010 (unwooded)

R115

Region: Calitzdorp

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Description: Very popular non-wooded version of Chardonnay. 3 Months on the lees for extra weight. Shows gorgeous peachy fruit, rounded finish. Delightful wine a perfect as an easy drinking wine.

Spier Chardonnay 2009 (wooded)

R120

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Description: The wine is green in colour with a yellow hue, with ripe tropical notes and whiffs of vanilla and slight butterscotch on the nose. On the palate, attractive citrus fruit flavours mingle with melon. Smooth, well-balanced and creamy with soft, pleasant acidity.

Goede Hoop Chardonnay 2009 (wooded)

R190

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Description: Elegantly oaked with butterscotch, vanilla and hazelnut aroma complemented by a hint of citrus on the palate.

Ormonde "Ondine" Chardonnay 2010 (lightly wooded)

R190

Region: Darling

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Description: This wine has lemon and lime flavors interacting with subtle vanilla flavours, brought about by barrel maturation. A final blend of barrel fermented 50% and tank fermented 50% makes for an exquisite wine that is well balanced with a long, lingering aftertaste.

"In Europe we thought of wine as something as healthy and normal as food and also a great giver of happiness and well-being and delight. Drinking wine was not a snobbism nor a sign of sophistication nor a cult; it was as natural as eating and to me as necessary."

(Ernest Hemingway)

UNUSUAL WHITE VARIETIES

Viognier

Pronounced [vio-nee]. Viognier produces full-bodied, golden wines with a haunting and tantalizingly elusive bouquet. Some say may blossoms, others apricots or musky peaches. Its rarity increases its allure for connoisseurs throughout the world.

Flagstone "Word of Mouth" Viognier 2008

R205

Region: Somerset-west

Blend: 100% Viognier

Description: The wine has a brilliant white gold colour with aromas of watermelon and peaches and a floral hint. Summer fruit aromas follow through on the palate with a hint of spiciness. Full bodied with a fresh acidity and lingering aftertaste. Enjoy with spicy dishes.

Semillon

In 1822 ninety three percent of all South African vineyards were planted with Semillon. So common was it that it was called simply 'Wyndruif' or 'wine grape'. Today, it accounts for less than four percent of our vineyards. It is capable of making high-quality wines and has a good affinity to wood ageing. Semillon has beautiful aromas such as citrus, lanolin, honey and grass.

Boekenhoutskloof Semillon 2008

R360

Region: Franschhoek

Blend: 100% Semillon

Description: Sourced from a vineyard planted around 1900, this wine is intensely complex, well-structured with unbelievable ageing potential. Opulent nose with plenty of green apple, pear and stone fruit with attractive undertones. Floral, citrus and mineral hints add to the loveliness of this wine.

SEMI-SWEET WHITE

Robertson "Beaukett" 2010

R78

Region: Robertson

Blend: Colombard and Muscadel

Description: Gentle muscat-scented, aromatic semi-sweet white wine with a smooth, subtle spicy palate. Generous and succulent, but nicely freshened by gentle acid with a fresh and clean finish. Complements spicy curry and strong flavoured foods.

"Penicillin cures, but wine makes people happy." (Alexander Fleming 1881-1955, the Scottish bacteriologist credited with discovering Penicillin in 1928.)

WHITE BLENDS

Boekenhoutskloof "The Wolftrap" White 2010

R105

Region: Franschhoek
Blend: Viognier, Chenin Blanc and Grenache Blanc
Description: Spicy with fruit blossom flavours, followed with a well-textured palate and balanced acidity. The wine has a lingering aftertaste with subtle wood flavours.

Glen Carlou "Tortoise Hill" White 2010

R105

Region: Paarl
Blend: Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Verdelho
Description: Mixed tropical fruit on the nose with hints of white peach, litchi and cured pineapple. Perfumed floral tones on the palate with lemon and boiled sweets flavor. Long, smooth finish with a full mouth-feel.

Spier "Creative Block 2" 2010

R195

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon
Description: Pale lemon in colour with a distinctive green hue. A full-flavoured wine with intense aromas of gooseberries, kiwi fruit and crushed nettle. The palate rewards with mouth-filling flavours of tropical fruit and fresh green characters. Freshly chucked mussels in a creamy white wine sauce will pair well with this wine – the Semillon a perfect match for the mouth-feel of the food.

ROSE

Spier Rosé 2010

R120

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Shiraz
Description: Ripe blackberries feature on the nose with a hint of ruby grapefruit, khakibos, fynbos and spice. A well-structured, medium- to full bodied palate shows fresh strawberries and ripe, juicy plums. Crisp and refreshing on the finish with a lingering taste of candy floss.

NATURAL SWEET ROSE

Robertson Natural Sweet Rosé NV

R70

Region: Robertson
Description: Deep coral colour with aromas of red berry fruit. The natural sweet range is made in its very own unique way by blending varietals to showcase fruity and fresh, floral flavours. This process leads to wine packed with natural sweet flavours that are low in alcohol and very quaffable.

*"Wine ... offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased."
(Ernest Hemingway)*

REDS

Merlot

Merlot is a classic blending partner for Cabernet throughout the world. The most highly sought-after Merlot dominated wines are clarets of the Pomerol and St-Emilion regions of Bordeaux. However, Merlot varietal wines are increasingly common in South Africa. It has soft tannins with aromas of plums, spice, mint and fruit-cake.

Boekenhoutskloof

Porcupine Ridge Merlot 2010

R130

Region: Franschhoek

Blend: 100% Merlot

Description: Characteristics of rose petal, violet, red cherry and prunes with some truffle aromas on the finish. Soft tannins with an herbaceous aftertaste.

L'Avenir Merlot 2008

R155

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Merlot

Description: Gently extracted Merlot that invites a second bottle! The wine carries the hallmark of good red fruit and the mocha notes of modest French oaking. Great value for money.

Durbanville Hills Merlot 2008

R205

Region: Durbanville

Blend: 100% Merlot

Description: Light ruby in colour. The wine holds a black current character with hints of ginger, cream and violets on the nose. Medium-bodied and fruity with a soft and elegant palate laced with ripe fruit and creamy toffee.

Muratie Merlot 2008

R225

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Merlot

Description: Ripe fruity flavours with a hint of leafiness and cinnamon spice. These sweet flavours are balanced by the acidity and ripe tannin. Good body and structure with well-integrated oak giving a lasting finish.

*"French wines may be said but to pickle meat in the stomach, but this is the wine that digests, and doth not only breed good blood, but it nutritieth also, being a glutinous substantial liquor; of this wine, if of any other, may be verified that merry induction: That good wine makes good blood, good blood causeth good humors, good humors cause good thoughts, good thoughts bring forth good works, good works carry a man to heaven, ergo, good wine carrieth a man to heaven."
(James Howell)*

Cabernet Sauvignon

In terms of status and popularity, Cabernet Sauvignon can be regarded as Chardonnay's red wine counterpart. It is a deep-coloured, thick-skinned grape that produces dark, flavoursome wine, particularly noted for its blackcurrant and cedar, cigar box or lead pencils character.

Spier Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

R145

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc
Description: Dark ruby in colour, the wine shows prominent plum on the nose with hints of caramel, tobacco and oak. These aromas follow through to an elegant, creamy, medium-bodied palate with a lingering blackcurrant aftertaste.

Ormonde "Ondine" Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

R200

Region: Darling
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Description: A wonderful bouquet of black pepper, leather, and cherries greet the nose. Balanced by subtle vanilla, oak character and rich ripe tannins, creates a tantalizing taste.

Glen Carlou Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

R225

Region: Paarl
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Description: With this Cabernet Sauvignon the primary berry fruit dominates with vibrant aromas of blackcurrants and plums entwined with hints of soft spicy oak. It is a true reflection of Cabernet Sauvignon from the warmer Paarl region that gives the wine a soft finish.

Goede Hoop Cabernet Sauvignon 2002

R280

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Description: A typical Cabernet Sauvignon with blackberry, blackcurrant, tobacco, dried prune, coffee, chocolate, eucalyptus and vanilla. Good structure to support the flavours and the longevity of the wine.

Cabernet Franc

Like its descendant Cabernet Sauvignon, with which it is often partnered, a classic part of the Bordeaux blend, but in South Africa and elsewhere also used or varietal wines – particularly in the Loire Valley in France.

Mooiplaas Cabernet Franc 2005

R220

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc
Description: Good, dark colour, palate shows good structure, barrel ageing saw to well integration of fruit and oak, good length on the palate, quite accessible.

Ormonde "Ondine" Cabernet Franc 2008

R200

Region: Darling

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc
Description: This wine has an intense bouquet of herbs and pepper flavor reflecting, origin and terroir of the Darling appellation Excellent with roast meat, grilled steaks and cheese with a tang. Excellent with slow-braised oxtail and shank of lamb.

Pinotage

This is South Africa's most famous wine, and vine. It was bred by Professor Abraham Perold in 1925 from Pinot Noir and Hermitage (Cinsaut). Pinotage produces medium bodied wines with rich fruit and spicy aromas.

False Bay Pinotage 2009

R110

Region: Somerset-west
Blend: 100% Pinotage
Description: Spicy berry fruit with hints of chocolate. Soft juicy fruit on the palate shows hints of black berries and plums. Complements Cape Malay dishes and beef casserole.

Goede Hoop Pinotage 2005

R165

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Pinotage
Description: A sweet berry nose with blackcurrant, prune, vanilla and raspberry. A full-bodied wine with good structure. Fermented in open vats and matured in French oak for 18 months. This wine will suit creamy beef dishes.

Stanford Hills "Jacksons" Pinotage 2009

R265

Region: Walker Bay
Blend: 100% Pinotage
Description: The colour is vibrant ruby with a purple rim. On the nose, sweet spices, plums and mulberries with hints of vanilla. On the palate, full juicy red fruit entry with plums following from the nose. Spices, sweet cinnamon with a peppery finish. Fruit is well balanced by ripe tannins and judicious wooding. Enjoy with roasts, venison, rich meat dishes and flavourful casseroles.

Warwick Old Bush Vines Pinotage 2009

R265

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Pinotage
Description: The nose shows ripe cassis and smoky flavours that fuse with almond and chocolate aromas. The palate is full and round with ripe chewy tannins and flavours like coffee, cherry, cigar box and liquorice. The balanced acidity creates a firm finish that is complemented by luscious and lingering sweetness.

Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir is Chardonnay's red wine compatriot in both Burgundy and Champagne. It is a variety of relatively low tannin and acidity, medium rather than deep colour and a medium life span. Pinot Noirs have aromas of raspberries, strawberries, cherries, violets, game and in maturity – compost.

Creation Pinot Noir 2010

R355

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Description: The intensely fragrant bouquet shows a mélange of red berry aromas, elegant vanilla and a whiff of wood spice. Full-bodied palate where, soft supple tannins contribute to the dense structure. A superbly balanced wine with a lingering aftertaste.

Pinot Noir (continued)

Topaz Pinot Noir 2008 (Garagiste Wine)

R590

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Description: Passion was used to create this wine! Making Pinot Noir is a true art form and this is a classic combination of fruit, wood and velvety mouth-feel. This delicate example has classic Pinot Noir flavours. Made with style and class, not easily dispensed of, but if you find yourself with a bottle, enjoy it! Very little SO2 was used, so it still contains life forces, be careful!

Shiraz

Classic Shiraz, also known as Syrah, is dark, full-bodied, powerful wines with great ageing potential. An interesting thing to know about Shiraz is, despite heavy tannins and staying power; they often reach a drinkable mature stage quite soon. Shiraz resembles a character of raspberries, blackberries, pepper, mixed spice and often also leather or game.

Bellevue Wine Estate

R130

Morkel Shiraz 2008

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Shiraz

Description: A wonderful, spicy yet fruit-driven Shiraz that is juicy and smooth on the palate and one that can be enjoyed even slightly chilled. Gentle approachable tannins.

Boekenhoutskloof

Porcupine Ridge Syrah 2010

R135

Region: Franschhoek

Blend: 100% Shiraz

Description: Powerful and full-bodied with concentrated flavours of black pepper, raspberry, mulberry and liquorice. Long finish on the palate with a bitter chocolate aftertaste.

Landskroon "Paul de Villers" Shiraz 2009

R190

Region: Paarl

Blend: 100% Shiraz

Description: This Shiraz has been made from grapes picked at optimum ripeness and vinified using a combination of modern and traditional techniques. The wine is full-bodied and displays a complexity of rich flavours enhanced through aging in new oak barriques. Herb/berry snatches and gorgeous spicy oak.

Land's End Syrah 2008

R345

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: 100% Shiraz

Description: Dark chocolate, spice, white pepper and layers of dark cherry and plum. The nose definitely has hints of sea breeze, with the saltiness showing up on the palate in harmony with the mouth-hugging tannins.

*"Wine has been a part of civilized life for some seven thousand years. It is the only beverage that feeds the body, soul and spirit of man and at the same time stimulates the mind."
(Robert Mondavi, "Harvests Of Joy," Autobiography)*

RED BLENDS

Boekenhoutskloof "The Wolftrap" Red 2010

R110

Region: Franschhoek
Blend: Syrah, Mourvèdre and Viognier
Description: Full of black fruits and violet flavours. Smooth on the palate with fresh aromas of wild strawberries and cherries.

Raka "Quinary" 2006

R240

Region: Klein River
Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot
Description: Rich deep ruby colour, this Bordeaux blend reveals a complex nose of spice and blackberries with a touch of mint and cigar box. The wine is well balanced with a full mouth-feel which will improve with ageing up to 8 years.

Saronsberg "Full Circle"

R360

Region: Tulbach
Blend: Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Viognier
Description: The wine has a deep, dark purple colour with prominent ripe plum, red berry and floral flavours with undertones of spice. The oak is well balanced with full, firm yet accessible tannins.

DESSERT WINE

Glen Carlou "The Welder" Natural Sweet Chenin Blanc 2009

per 50ml glass R30

Region: Paarl
Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Malbec
Description: This wine is made in a fresher style which is not overtly sweet with a balanced acidity. Intense bouquet of pineapples, apricots and orange peel with hints of vanilla and spice. To be enjoyed with cheese and preserves and almost any sweet dessert.

PORT

De Krans Cape Tawny Port NV

per 50ml glass R18

Region: Calitzdorp
Blend: Tinta Barocca, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz
Description: Matured in 300 liters for 6 – 9 years. Predominantly made from Tinta Barocca with Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz. Beautiful foxy colour, scent of roasted almonds and cinnamon. Elegant and silky with a silky tang on the tail. A very special wine. A multiple award winner having won the Peter Schultz Trophy for the best Port in South Africa, Veritas Double Gold, as well as a John Platter 5 star rating for the second year in a row.

RARE AND SPECIAL VINTAGES

Champagne

Moët et Chandon Grand Vintage Brut 2000

R1900

Region: Epernay, Champagne

Blend: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

Description: 92 points Wine Spectator: A deep, rich Champagne, featuring toast, malt, apple and graphite aromas and flavors. This is full of mineral on the palate, with a lingering, savory finish. In the glass this Champagne has a pretty green/gold colour and a toasty white bread nose with a subtle touch of litchi fruit. On the palate it is flavoured and assertive.

Dom Perignon 1996

R1990

Region: Rheims, Champagne

Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

Description: To taste Dom Perignon is to discover the unique spirit and style of a truly great French Champagne. Every stage of vineyard selection, winemaking and slow cellar aging is, in itself, a quest for perfection. The unique Dom Perignon style is a rich creamy mousse, fine bubbles, a spirited, crisp opening leading into a broad palette of aromas and tastes and finally, the delicacy of the substance itself. Even richer than the brilliant 1990, the 1996 is still tightly wound, but reveals tremendous aromatic intensity, offering hints of bread dough, Wheat Thins, tropical fruits, and roasted hazelnuts. Medium to full-bodied, with crisp acidity buttressing the wine's wealth of fruit and intensity, it comes across as extraordinarily zesty, well-delineated, and incredibly long on the palate.

Dom Perignon 1998

R1790

Region: Rheims, Champagne

Blend: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

Description: 92 points Robert Parker: "The Dom Pérignon Vintage 1998 has a special way of holding its final note on and on. It's as if it doesn't want to let go. It's surprising, unique and magnificent." Richard Geoffroy, Chef de Cave. Pale yellow with golden highlights. On the nose, the initial notes of fresh almond and grapefruit gradually lead into cashew nut and spice complemented by lightly toasted brioche. On the palate, satiny texture unfurls on the palate, embracing and caressing it. Momentary weightlessness with a vibrating finish arouses the taste buds with controlled ardor. The persistence is remarkable, with the slightest undertone of tartness (citrus zest and buds.)

*"The good talk that is inseparable from a wine dinner is even more important than the wines that are being served. Never bring up your better bottles if you are entertaining a man who cannot talk. Keep your treasures for a night when those few who are nearest to your heart can gather round your table, free from care, with latchkeys in their pockets and no last train to catch."
(Maurice Healy, Claret)*

Red Wines

Warwick Cabernet Franc 2001

R315

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc
Description: This distinctive Bordeaux cultivar wine has inviting aromas of almonds, chocolate and pencil shavings. The palate is full and round with ripe chewy tannins and flavours of coffee and cherries with a touch of liquorice and cigar box. The wine has a firm finish that is complemented by luscious and lingering sweetness. Although accessible now, this wine will improve with up to 10 years.

Coleraine Culraithin Syrah 2002

R220

Region: Paarl
Blend: 100% Shiraz
Description: The black-coloured 2002 Syrah explodes from the glass with candied black raspberry aromas. A spicy, mouth-coating wine armed with sumptuous density of fruit, it displays loads of blackberries and black raspberries whose flavours linger in its ripe tannin-laden, lengthy finish.

Bouchard Finlayson "Galpin Peak" Pinot Noir 2003

R290

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Description: The nose is aromatically scented with exciting whiffs of truffles and fruits of the forest. The wine is full with soft tannins, which ensure many years of positive development. An excellent crop and an excellent wine! Pinot noir is the most food flexible varietal. Its richness comes from a multitude of layers of flavour. Enjoy with fish, poultry, game birds and red meat dishes.

Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir 2001

R325

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Description: Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir is different to most New World Pinot Noirs. Their low-vigour, stony, clay-rich soil, cool maritime meso-climate, naturally tiny yields of around 35hl/ha and their philosophy of expressing their terroir in their wines - give rise to a certain tightness, tannin line and elevated length to balance the richness and generosity of their Pinot Noir. Their Pinot Noir is not overtly fruity, soft and "sweet" and it generally shows hints of that alluring "primal" fruit perfume. For this reason, many knowledgeable enthusiasts around the world regard Hamilton Russell as the best Pinot Noir in South Africa and one of the best in the New World.

Cordoba "Crescendo" 2002

R275

Region: Stellenbosch
Blend: Cabernet Franc and Merlot
Description: The Crescendo is a wine which reflects the individuality of the Cordoba terroir and represents the quality of the very best grapes from the Cordoba vineyards. This rich, ruby red wine is

redolent of pepper and spice, striking an elegant balance between ripe berry and plum fruit, with classic oak flavours. Enjoy with chicken, lamb, game, beef, pork, pasta with a red sauce and hearty vegetarian dishes.

Kaapzicht "Steytler Vision" 2003

R410

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage and Merlot

Description: Saturated almost black colour. Deep, brooding nose with complex flavours promising excellent maturation potential. Seamlessly woven layers of dark fruit, oak aromatics and sweet spice entice thoughts of seductive Arabian nights. Massively structured with plush velvety texture and an almost endless finish. Achieves elegance despite blockbuster proportions. Excellent with rack of lamb or Springbok loin. This wine has won numerous awards and is world class.

Mont du Toit 2003

R420

Region: Wellington

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz

Description: The wine unfolds easily with a plush, velvety texture showing ripe, plummy, red fruit flavours and hints of spice to finish its well balanced, subtle tannin structure. Enjoy this wine with slow cooked meat dishes and heavy meat dishes.

Saronsberg "Seismic" 2005

R440

Region: Tulbach

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Malbec

Description: The wine has a deep, dark colour and ripe berry flavours with delicate herbal, fynbos and spice undertones. Its firm tannin structure is balanced by a full body and prominent oak flavours.

Ernie Els 2004

R1250

Region: Stellenbosch

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec

Description: Appearance is bright, dark ruby. The aroma of the wine is fruit driven with combination of red current, cassis and plum fruits. The fruit is supported by violets, black olives and hints of vanilla and spice. On the palate, the fruit from the aroma follows through unto the delightful palate, supported by a soft mineral feel with hints of oak and backed by a seamless tannin structure. This elegant wine offers great middle palate complexity with a long spicy finish.

Mont du Toit "Le Sommet" 2003

R1290

Region: Wellington

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz

Description: Deep, dark and inscrutable, the blend releases a concentration of ripe fruit flavours with hints of tobacco. Well integrated wood and tannins produce a long lingering finish with a touch of chocolate and lavender.

James Rothschild sent Rossini (composer of 'The Barber of Seville', 'William Tell', etc.) some splendid grapes from his hothouse. Rossini, in thanking him, wrote, "Although your grapes are superb, I don't like my wine in capsules." Rothschild read this as an invitation to send him some of his celebrated Chateau-Lafite, which he proceeded to do.
(Lillie de Hergermann-Lindencrone, "In the Courts of Memory")

POTSTILL BRANDY

"Gently swirl the brandy in your glass and observe the tears, or legs – the fine rivulets of liquid – as they run down the side of the vessel. The tears will run slower and appear thicker in older brandies. This is a sign of maturation. Older brandy has a far higher density. If you were to add water to you brandy, you would notice that fine brandy does not turn hazy, but remains clear and golden". (KWV)

KWV 10 Years

R20 per 25ml tot

Description: A vintage brandy, matured in oak barrels for 10 years, and bottled at 38% alcohol volume. With a deep amber colour, KWV 10 Year Old contains complex, dried-fruit and port wine aromas, enhanced by subtle spicy and nutty flavours. KWV 10 Year Old is full-bodied, with a lingering, fruity, and slightly sweet finish.

Tokara 5 Year Old

R35 per 25ml tot

Description: Subtle complex flavours of dried fig, peach and raisin fruits, pot-pourri floral aroma and heady jasmine, orange blossom and vanilla notes with spicy pepper and saffron overtones. Innovative final blending enhanced the balance and synergy of the subtle flavours to create a distinctive spirit with fine length and depth of aftertaste.

KWV 20 Years

R50 per 25ml tot

Description: A pure potstill brandy, matured in oak barrels for 20 years, with alcohol strength of 38%. This fine brandy has a deep, golden amber colour with a floral bouquet and matured port-wine aroma, balanced by well-developed nutty and oaky flavours. KWV 20 Year Old is full-bodied, mellow and complex, with a sweet and appreciative aftertaste.

COGNAC

Rémy Martin V.S.O.P Fine Champagne Cognac

R40 per 25ml tot

Description: The colour is vibrant gold with oak notes of predominantly vanilla with a hint of liquorice. Fruity notes are the roundness of summer fruits, especially apricots and peaches. Floral notes of wild flowers in particular violets. The texture is silky and the finish a perfectly balanced blend of ripeness.

Hennesy V.S.O.P

R49 per 25ml tot

Description: Hennessy Privilège V.S.O.P is a complex blend which reveals honeyed fruit flavours punctuated by delicate scents of cloves and cinnamon spice. Rich and subtle, Hennessy Privilège V.S.O.P. is an accomplished cognac of balance and harmony, characterized by a velvety texture and mellow finish.

Hennesy X.O**R150 per 25ml tot**

Description: Rich in dried fruit aromas such as prunes or dried figs. The aromas evolve to a denser note of chocolate and black pepper, mellowed by cinnamon, clove and cardamom spices. Very balanced on the palate, X.O confirms the aromas discovered by scent: dried fruit and chocolate. Elegant and robust, it reveals balance, roundness and harmony among aromas underlined by the strength of peppery notes and vegetable fragrances from the oak. A lovely long aftertaste is enrobed in velvet, conferring the last sweet notes of cinnamon and vanilla.

BIN END WINES

Laborie Blanc de Blanc MCC 2003	R150
De Waal "Young Vines" Sauvignon Blanc 2010	R120
Raka Sauvignon Blanc 2010	R155
Mooiplaas Sauvignon Blanc 2010	R190
De Waal "Young Vines" Chenin Blanc 2009	R120
Mooiplaas Chenin Blanc 2007	R139
Rudera Chenin Blanc 2005 R230	
Cordoba Chardonnay 2006 R110	
De Waal Viognier 2008	R140
Fleur de Cap Unfiltered Semillon 2006	R215
Paul Cluver Elgin Weisser Riesling 2005	R145
De Waal "Young Vines" Merlot 2009	R120
Kumala Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2003	R140
Thandi Cabernet Sauvignon 2001	R165
Graham Beck Cabernet Sauvignon 2001	R180
De Waal "Young Vines" Shiraz 2007	R130
Simonsvlei Shiraz 2005	R150
Spice Route Flagship Syrah 2001	R280

Diemersfontein Pinotage 2003

R175

Beyerskloof Pinotage 2004
R145

Danie de Wet "Nature in Concert" Pinot Noir 2007

R399

Paul Cluver Pinot Noir 2003

R185