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#### 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 wine's 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](http://www.ninety9bottles.com.au)



## WINE AND FOOD PAIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

### Seafood

<i>Prawns</i>	<i>Sauvignon Blanc / Chardonnay / Chenin Blanc</i>
<i>Oysters</i>	<i>Champagne / Sparkling Wine / Chardonnay</i>
<i>Crayfish</i>	<i>Chardonnay / Semillon</i>
<i>Line Fish</i>	<i>Chardonnay / Semillon / Weisser Riesling / Chenin Blanc</i>
<i>Game Fish (Tuna, Marlin)</i>	<i>Pinot Noir / Zinfandel / Viognier</i>
<i>Calamari</i>	<i>Sauvignon Blanc / Pinot Grigio / Chenin Blanc</i>
<i>Fish Stew / Bouillabaisse</i>	<i>Pinot Grigio / Pinot Noir / Sangiovese</i>
<i>Paella</i>	<i>Rosé / Chenin Blanc</i>
<i>Mussels</i>	<i>Semillon / Chenin Blanc</i>

### Poultry

<i>Chicken</i>	<i>Dry Rosé / Chardonnay / Viognier</i>
<i>Coq Au Vin</i>	<i>Pinot Noir / Pinotage / Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
<i>Quail</i>	<i>Merlot / Sangiovese / Pinot Noir</i>
<i>Duck</i>	<i>Weisser Riesling / Pinot Noir / Merlot / Shiraz</i>

### 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

<i>Hot</i>	<i>Port / Red Muscadet</i>
<i>Cold</i>	<i>Noble Late Harvest / White Muscadet / Special Late Harvest</i>

## 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.



*“Language is wine upon the lips” - Virginia Woolf*



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

*****	Superlative. A classic
****(*)	Outstanding, Fine International Standard
****	Excellent
***(*)	Very Good, Promising
***	Characterful, Appealing
**(*)	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 2024

2024	The 2024 wine vintage is characterized by high quality and resilience, especially in South Africa, despite lower yields. White wines are noted for good flavor intensity, balanced acidity, and fruit concentration. Red wines are expected to show good color, rich concentration, and strong aging potential.
2023	South African winegrowers showed characteristic pluck in the face of 2023 harvest challenges. Despite a wet season capped by disruptive late-harvest rains, the vintage is being hailed by respected winemakers and viticulturists for its quality, in particular for whites.
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
2021	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 restrictions on local sales.
2020	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.
2019	Again the draught affected the yields and on top 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.
2018	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.
2017	The South African harvest is slightly larger than last year following a dry season. Dry conditions resulted in healthy vineyards and good flavour concentration.
2016	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.
2011	Yet more variable than the last, impossible to generalise. As in 2010, producers track record should guide the buying and cellaring decision.
2010	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.

## 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

### WINEGROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### WESTERN CAPE

##### COASTAL REGION

##### Districts:

- CAPE TOWN
- DARLING
- FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY
- LUTZVILLE VALLEY
- PAARL
- STELLENBOSCH
- SWARTLAND
- TULBAGH
- WELLINGTON

##### KLEIN KAROO

##### Districts:

- CALITZDORP
- LANGEBERG-GARCIA

##### CAPE SOUTH COAST

##### Districts:

- CAPE AGULHAS
- ELGIN
- OVERBERG
- PLETTENBERG BAY
- SWELLENDAAM
- WALKER BAY

##### OLIFANTS RIVER

##### Districts:

- CITRUSDAL VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN

##### BREEDE RIVER VALLEY

##### Districts:

- BREEDEKLOOF
- ROBERTSON
- WORCESTER

##### WARDS NOT PART OF A REGION

- CEDERBERG
- CERES
- PRINCE ALBERT VALLEY
- SWARTBERG

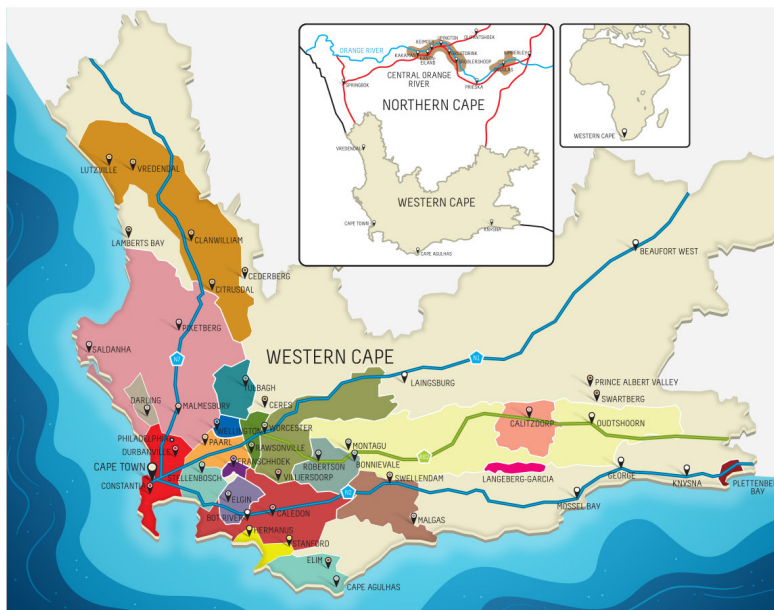
##### NORTHERN CAPE

##### Districts:

- CENTRAL ORANGE RIVER (District)



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## 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 R85.00 per bottle (750ml), R95 for champagne/MCC/Sparkling and R125 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

### Blaauwklippen Before & After

50ml (glass) 130

*A masterful blend of wood matured red Noble Late Harvest and Blaauwklippen Potstill Brandy. A sensuous flavour Of cinnamon and Christmas spice*

Region: Stellenbosch

### Ricard Pastis De Marseille

50ml (glass) 58

*It's characterized by it's variety of natural ingredients, including star anise, fennel anise, licorice and aromatic plants from Provence*

Region: Marseille, France

### Pierre Jourdan Ratafia

50 ml (glass) 48

*Chardonnay fortified with potstill Brandy made on the Estate, Haute Cabrière. Legendary winemaker of classic 'Champagne style' wines, Achim Von Arnim.*

Region: Franschhoek

## Wine by the Glass White Wines

### Thelema Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*)

180 ml (glass) 92

*Beautiful purity of limes and ripe gooseberry, with tropical, floral and fine herbal notes.*

Region: Elgin

### Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2024 \*\*\*\* (V)

180 ml (glass) 88

*Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear.*

Region: Elim

### Leopards Leap Chescato 2024 \*\*\*

180ml (glass) 62

*Chenin 70% Moscato 30%*

*A gently sweet, versatile blend of Chenin Blanc and Moscato.*

Region: Franschhoek

## Rosé

### Jordan Dry Rosé \*\*\*(\*) 2024

180ml (glass) 110

*Vibrant strawberry, raspberry fruit and fresh fynbos herbs.*

Region: Stellenbosch

### Cederberg Sustainable Rosé 2024 \*\*\*(\*) (V)

180 ml (glass) 78

*A cool continental climate, diverse soil types, unpolluted air and free-flowing, crystal clear waters create ideal growing conditions.*

*Grown using minimal interference, this wine reflects the sustainable practices of the farm.*

Region: Cederberg/Elim

## Red Wines

### Meinert Merlot 2019 \*\*\*\*

180 ml (glass) 170

*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.*

Region: Stellenbosch



**Groenland Shiraz 2021 \*\*\*\***

*Shows restraint and cool tones with savoury, dusty overlay; food style wine.*

Region: Stellenbosch

180 ml (glass) 92

**Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2022 \*\*\***

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz

*Rich, plummy Merlot compliments the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon.*

*The peppery, dark berry fruit of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend.*

Region: Stellenbosch

180 ml (glass) 70

## Dessert Wine

**Tierhoek Straw Wine NV \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*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

50ml (glass) 120

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

*An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillon, dusty botrytis and Sauvignon's refreshing elements.*

Region: Bot Rivier

50 ml (glass) 115

## Port

**Muratie Ben Prins Cape Vintage 2021 \*\*\*\***

*Floral notes of violets and roses entice along with Christmas spice and plum pudding.*

Region: Stellenbosch

50 ml (glass) 65

**De Krans Cape Tawny Limited Release NV \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*Beautiful orange sapphire in colour with elegant flavours of caramel, toffee, roasted nuts and fruitcake.*

Region: Calitzdorp

50ml (glass) 50

**Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage**

*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: Riebeeck West

50ml (glass) 36





## Champagne

<b>Dom Perignon</b> ■ ■	750 ml	7350
<i>W.O. Haute Villiers, since 1668. An intense, vibrant, tactile yet mature, complex, and sensual champagne - Delicious!</i>		
Region : Champagne (Epernay), France		
<b>Moët &amp; Chandon Rosé</b> ■ ■	750 ml	2050
<i>W.O. Epernay. Intense and aromatic blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.</i>		
Region: Champagne (Epernay), France		
<b>Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label</b> ■ ■	750 ml	1990
<i>Golden-yellow, with a foaming necklace of tiny bubbles. Aroma's of white fruits and raisins, then of vanilla and later of brioche.</i>		
Region: Champagne (Reims), France		
<b>Moët &amp; Chandon NV Brut Imperial</b> ■ ■	750 ml	1800
<i>W.O. Epernay. Fine and elegant with a delicious biscuity aroma and flavour.</i>		
Region: Champagne (Reims), France		

## Cap Classique

<b>Graham Beck Brut NV ****</b>	750 ml	515
<i>Light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate.</i>		
<i>The exceptionally fine mousse contributes the freshness and finesse.</i>		
Region: Robertson		
<b>Boschendal Luxe Nectar NV ****</b>	750ml	480
<i>A flourish of delicate bubbles brings forth the decadent crème brulee and almond biscotti deliciousness, balanced with alluring lemon cream and orange peel to finish with vibrant freshness and length.</i>		
Origin: Western Cape.		
<b>Krone Rosé Cuvée Brut 2023 ****</b>	750 ml	470
<i>Sassy, refreshing and uplifting with hints of berry fruits, enticing less yeastiness and an innocently sensual mousse.</i>		
Region: Tulbach		

## Prosecco

<b>Sartori Prosecco Brut</b>	750 ml	495
<i>Light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate.</i>		
<i>The exceptionally fine mousse contributes the freshness and finesse.</i>		
Region: Treviso, Italy		

## Sparkling Wine

<b>Allure De- Alcoholised Sparkling</b>	750 ml	335
<i>A beautiful de-alcoholised sparkling wine, made from Champagne grapes, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, showcasing fresh stone fruit flavours and lively bubbles.</i>		
Region: Robertson		
<b>Alvi's Drift Brut Blanc De Blanc****</b>	750ml	315
<i>Pale straw-coloured with lime green hues, bursting onto the palate with delightful aromas of fresh green apple and lemon zest</i>		
Region: Worcester		



**Leopard's Leap Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir \*\*\*(\*) (V)** 750 ml 275  
*This vivacious bubbly bursts with flavours of strawberry, raspberry and citrus.*  
 Region: Franschhoek

## White Wines Sauvignon Blanc

**Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2023** 2300  
*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.*

Country: Marlborough, New Zealand

**Cederberg Ghost Corner Wild Ferment 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*) (V)** 705  
*Naturally fermented with enticing aromas of fleshy white pear and quince and a creaminess from barrel maturation.*

Region: Cederberg/Elim

**La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2023 \*\*\*\* (Organically Grown) (V)** 365  
*Citrus, melon, green apple flavours, as well as green pepper & gooseberry flavours, with a mineral finish.*

Region: Franschhoek

**Thelema Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 275  
*Beautiful purity of limes and ripe gooseberry, with tropical, floral and fine herbal notes.*

Region: Elgin

**Jordan Chameleon Sauvignon Blanc 2024** 190  
*Ripe Cape green fig Sauvignon Blanc and zesty, citrus-melon unoaked Chardonnay, balanced by a long creamy finish.*

Region: Stellenbosch

## Chardonnay

**Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2023 \*\*\*\*** 395  
*Peach & spice upon entry, with a spicy mineral mid-palate & a textured finish, great balance & elegance.*

Region: Elgin

**Springfield Wild Yeast Chardonnay (unwooded) 2023 \*\*\*\*** 365  
*Creamily rich texture, ripe tropical flavours simply fold into the mouth with stunning concentration.*

Region: Robertson

**Diemersdal Chardonnay 2024 \*\*\*\* (V)** 220  
*Spicy aromas with fresh fruit flavours. The nose is elegant, with the richness of the fruit enhanced by apple & sweet melon.*

Region: Durbanville

## Chenin Blanc

**Cederberg Five Generations Chenin Blanc 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 845  
*Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear, with a mouth coating creaminess.*

Region: Cederberg/Elim

**Vrede en Lust Kogelberg Chenin Blanc 2021 \*\*\*\*** 510  
*Full-bodied wine with tropical fruit character of Chenin. Palate is rich with hints of honey and ripe fruit.*

Region: Paarl

**Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 360  
*Uninhibited flavours of pineapple, golden delicious apple and citrus. Full mouth feel and lingering aromas.*

Region: Stellenbosch



## White Blends

<b>Cederberg Ghost Corner The Bowline 2023 ****(*) (V)</b>	<b>665</b>
60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon	
<i>Green fig and dusty elements from Semillon complement the ripe asparagus notes from the sauvignon blanc.</i>	
<i>Complex wine with well-balanced oak.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
<b>Springfield Miss Lucy**** 2024</b>	<b>340</b>
47% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon, 24% Pinot Gris, 5% Sauvignon Gris	
<i>Wonderful fresh citrus notes, nuances of pomelo and mineral aromas..</i>	
Region: Robertson	
<b>Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2024 ****</b>	<b>255</b>
77% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Noir	
<i>An abundance of zesty fruit, most notably white peach, lychee and red fruit; with a delectably full mouthfeel and balance.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	
<b>Leopards Leap Chescato 2024 ***</b>	<b>180</b>
Chenin 70% Moscato 30%	
<i>A gently sweet, versatile blend of Chenin Blanc and Moscato.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	

## Rosé & Blanc de Noir

<b>Jordan Dry Rosé ***(*) 2024</b>	<b>325</b>
<i>Vibrant strawberry, raspberry fruit and fresh fynbos herbs.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
<b>Cederberg Sustainable Rosé 2024 ***(*) (Organically grown) (V)</b>	<b>225</b>
<i>Elegant aromas of strawberries, watermelon and candy floss, with a dry entry, a creamy palate and a crisp finish</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
<b>Boschendal Blanc de Noir 2024 ***</b>	<b>195</b>
<i>An appealing pale salmon colour leads to bright red fruit, strawberry and red berries. Good freshness, balance and drinkability.</i>	
<i>Crisp and dry, but with a pleasant hint of fruit sweetness.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	

## Other White Varietals

<b>Boekenhoutskloof Semillon 2020 ****(*)</b>	<b>1150</b>
<i>Subtle and lessy, with some herbal and orange zest notes and a wild, naturally fermented undertone.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek	
<b>Cederberg Bukettraube 2024 ***(*)</b>	<b>295</b>
<i>An explosion of aroma and flavour. Prominent Muscat flavours with apricot and floral notes on the nose.</i>	
<i>A well-balanced wine with a delicate sweetness and a crisp acidity.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
<b>Oak Valley Stone &amp; Steel Riesling 2021 ****(*)</b>	<b>255</b>
<i>Dried apricot, jasmine and kerosene on the nose with pineapple, grapefruit and some lovely fennel savoury notes on the palate.</i>	
Region: Elgin	
<b>Simonsig Gewürztraminer 2023 ***(*)</b>	<b>245</b>
<i>Sweet aromatics and spice are beautifully balanced by fresh acidity and finesse, and extend onto the lingering honeyed spice finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	



## Red Wines Cabernet Sauvignon

<b>Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 ****(*)</b>	<b>1850</b>
<i>French oak has intensified the rich aromas of blackcurrant and cassis, layered with decadent dark chocolate and cherry tobacco.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
<b>Jordan The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 ****(*)</b>	<b>585</b>
<i>Deep ruby colour, huge mouth filling flavours of blackberry, cassis and vanilla. French Oak barrels add a complex toastiness.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
<b>Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 ****</b>	<b>265</b>
<i>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.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	

## Pinotage

<b>Wildeckrans Pinotage Barrel Selection 2022 ****(*)</b>	<b>855</b>
<i>Full bodied yet smoothly structured. Toasty oak and sweetish finish detract from pretty raspberry undertones.</i>	
Region: Bot River	
<b>Southern Right Pinotage 2022 **** (V)</b>	<b>815</b>
<i>Intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice.</i>	
<i>Full ripeness and the longer hang-time afforded by cooler sites.</i>	
Region: Hermanuss	
<b>Beaumont Jackals River Pinotage 2022 ****</b>	<b>635</b>
<i>The wine shows intense plum and chocolate nose, with cherry tobacco and cedar wood. Tannins are soft and well balanced.</i>	
<i>Has a full palate with exceptionally long after-taste.</i>	
Region: Bot River	

## Shiraz

<b>De Grendel Shiraz 2021 ****(*)</b>	<b>495</b>
<i>Full bodied, with violets and blackberries and well supported by oak undertones and sweet ripe tannins that linger with a beautiful clove flavour.</i>	
Region: Durbanville	
<b>Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah 2022 ****(*)</b>	<b>395</b>
<i>A medium-bodied Syrah with a vibrant colour. The nose has bright dark fruit</i>	
<i>with contributing perfumed aromas of violet sand rose petal.</i>	
Region: Darling	
<b>Groenland Shiraz Classic 2021 ***</b>	<b>265</b>
<i>This complex and traditional cultivar will tease your taste buds- on the palate with vanilla and smokey aromas.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	



## Merlot

- Meerlust Merlot 2021 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 960  
*Intense dark fruit on the nose, mulberry and damson plum with hints of dark chocolate and spice.*  
 Region: Stellenbosch
- Vergelegen Merlot 2021 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 665  
*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
- Meinert Merlot 2019 \*\*\*(\*)** 495  
*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

## Pinot Noir

- Cederberg Ghost Corner Pinot Noir 2023 \*\*\*\*(\*) (V)** 705  
*Red fruit of ripe cherries and raspberries and an undertone of earthy, mushroom nuances with delicate oak.*  
 Region: Elim
- Oak Valley Sound of Silence Pinot Noir 2023 \*\*\*\*** 335  
*Dried strawberry, cured meats and potpourri on the nose with beetroot and cranberry on the palate.*  
 Region: Elgin

## Other Red Varietals

- Neil Ellis Piekenierskloof Grenache 2019 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 825  
*The nose has red cherries and strawberries with perfumed violet like aromas. A fresh palate with flavours of raspberries and strawberries leading into a balanced mid palate of fine textured tannins.*  
 Region: Stellenbosch, Piekenierskloof
- Paul Wallace Black Dog Malbec 2020 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 540  
*Exotic nose with hints of black plums, blue and black berries, bramble, rhubarb, violets and a touch of cumin. A satisfying fruit-filled mouthful of dark fruits linked by a herbal element and held together by rounded, silky tannins.*  
 Region: Elgin
- Zorgvliet Petit Verdot 2021 \*\*\*\*** 470  
*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 violets, printers ink, iodine, dried sage and cassis. Tight and focused structure on the mid palate with a medium length finish.*  
 Region: Stellenbosch
- Raats Dolomite Cabernet Franc 2022 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 465  
*Dark plum, cherry, cinnamon and clove notes on the nose. Concentrated, silky round tannins that run from start to finish, showing dark chocolate and rich plum flavours.*  
 Region: Stellenbosch

## Red Blends

- Buitenverwachting Christine 2017 \*\*\*\*(\*)** 1300  
 47% 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



<b>Meerlust Rubicon 2022 ****(*)</b>	<b>1300</b>
Cabernet Sauvignon 44%, Merlot 40%, Cabernet Franc 12%, Petit Verdot 4% <i>A youthful deep ruby red colour. A complex perfume of violets, ripe black plum, blackberry, cassis with cedar wood and potpourri spice.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
<b>Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2020 ****(*)</b>	<b>825</b>
42% Sangiovese, 17% Nebbiolo, 15% Pinot Noir, 12% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre, 7% Barbera <i>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.</i>	
Region: Hermanus	
<b>Rustenberg John X Merriman 2022 ****(*)</b>	<b>585</b>
50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc <i>Glossy high-toned ripeness presently accompanied by persistent grip.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	
<b>Ataraxia Serenity 2020****</b>	<b>565</b>
Cinsault, Pinotage and Pinot Noir. <i>Finely scented vibrant nose with beautifully lifted dark berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spicy notes..</i>	
Region: Hemel-en-Aarde Valleye	
<b>Cederberg Merlot/Shiraz 2022 ***(*) (V)</b>	<b>310</b>
70% Merlot, 30% Shiraz <i>The entry captures an abundance of red berries and dark fruits. succulent cherries, cranberries, sweet plums and hints of chocolate, leather and spice.</i>	
Region: Cederberg/Elim	
<b>Jordan Chameleon Cabernet/Merlot 2022 ***</b>	<b>205</b>
69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 10% Shiraz <i>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.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch	

## Dessert Wines

<b>Tierhoek Straw Wine NV ****</b>	<b>(375ml)</b>	<b>605</b>
<i>An unctuous wine of immense flavours of dried apricots and honey.</i>		
<i>Wonderful clean finish on the palate with fine balance of sweetness and fresh natural fruit acidity</i>		
Region: Citrusdal		
<b>Beaumont Goute d'Or 2021 ****</b>	<b>(375ml)</b>	<b>555</b>
<i>An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillion, dusty botrytis.</i>		
Region: Bot River		

## Port

<b>Muratie Ben Prins Cape Vintage 2021 ****</b>	<b>50 ml (glass)</b>	<b>65</b>
<i>Floral notes of violets and roses entice along with Christmas spice and plum pudding.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch		
<b>De Krans Cape Tawny Limited Release NV ****(*)</b>	<b>50ml (glass)</b>	<b>50</b>
<i>Beautiful orange sapphire in colour with elegant flavours of caramel, toffee, roasted nuts and fruitcake.</i>		
Region: Calitzdorp		
<b>Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage</b>	<b>50ml (glass)</b>	<b>36</b>
<i>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.</i>		
Region: Riebeeck West		



# *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.

## **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.

## **BLIND TASTING**

Tasting and evaluating wine without knowing what it is.

## **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.

## **BRUT**

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

## **CARBONIC MACERATION**

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

## **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.

**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.

**DRY**

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

**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.

**FREE RUN**

Juice obtained from grapes that have not been pressed.

**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.

**MOUTHFEEL**

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

**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.

**PALATE**

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

**PLONK**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**YOUNG**

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

