



Our Wine List

Diners Club Platinum Award Winner: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015
Diners Club Gold Award Winner: 2014



“By making this wine known to the public, I have rendered my country as great a service as if I had enabled it to pay back the national debt.”-Thomas Jefferson

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



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

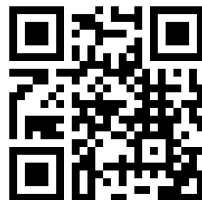
Pinotage / Shiraz / Mourvedre / Rhone Blends

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 that is available from the App Store with a GPS enabled map. To access this on your iPhone visit www.wine-oh.info - Platter's iPhone® App.



"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 2015

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.
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.
2005	Particularly challenging. Concentrated if alcoholic reds, mostly average whites, some exceptions.
2004	Cooler dry conditions yielded elegant, often age worthy wines with lower alcohols, softer tannins.
2003	Outstanding, especially for reds - concentrated and structured, and often slow to show their best.

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.

“good company, good wine, good welcome, can make good people.”
William Shakespeare, Henry VIII



ILLUSTRATED SOUTH AFRICAN WINE REGIONS

WINEGROWING AREAS of SOUTH AFRICA

WESTERN CAPE

COASTAL REGION Districts:

- SWARTLAND
- STELLENBOSCH
- TYGERBERG
- CAPE PENINSULA
- CONSTANTIA (Ward)
- TULBAGH
- PAARL
- FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY
- DARLING
- WELLINGTON

- KLEIN KAROO
Districts:
- CALITZDORP
- LANGEBERG-GARCIA

CAPE SOUTH COAST Districts:

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

OLIFANTS RIVER Districts:

- LUTZVILLE VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN

BREEDE RIVER VALLEY Districts:

- BREEDEKLOOF
- WORCESTER
- ROBERTSON

WARDS NOT PART OF A REGION

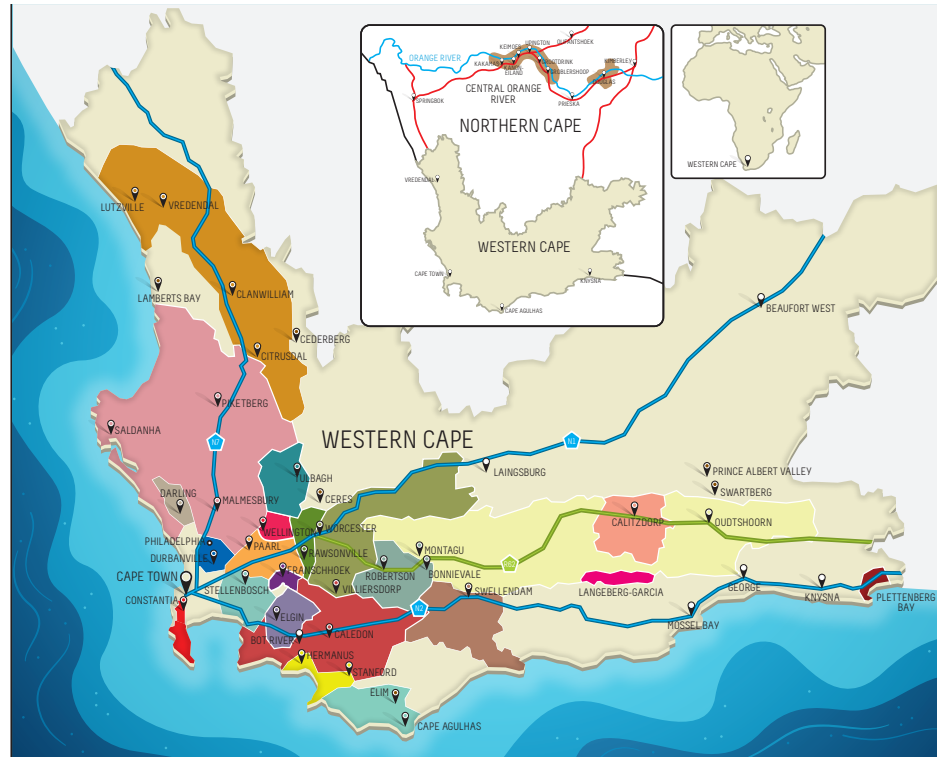
- CERES
- CEDERBERG
- PRINCE ALBERT VALLEY
- SWARTBERG
- LAMBERTS BAY

NORTHERN CAPE

- CENTRAL ORANGE RIVER
(Ward)



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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 have Whisky and Chocolate Pairings as well as Vodka Tastings.

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 R45.00 per bottle.

"Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words"
- Plautus



APERITIF

Enjoy an Aperitif whilst you choose your meal and accompanying wine

Pierre Jourdan Ratafia	20
<i>Chardonnay fortified with potstill Brandy made on the estate, Haute Cabrière. Legendary winemaker of classic 'Champagne style' wines, Achim Von Arnim.</i>	

SHERRY

Monis Pale Dry	14
<i>Is a classic fine type Sherry. Dry, aromatic and refreshing. It is best when served slightly chilled.</i>	
Monis Medium Cream	14
<i>Produced in a solera, this medium cream Sherry is mellow and smooth with an elusive underlying sweetness which makes it a superb accompaniment to Hors d' oeuvres and Soup.</i>	
Monis Full Cream	14
<i>Fully ripened grapes endow this glowing mature Sherry with a smooth rich character. It is an ideal companion to Cheese and Nuts.</i>	

WINE BY THE GLASS

WHITE WINES

La Motte Chardonnay 2014 ***(*)	180 ml (glass)	55
<i>Groomed spice, citrus and cream merge seamlessly with firm tannin.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven		
Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2015 ***(*)	180 ml (glass)	45
<i>A blush of pink, tropical fruit and citrus aromas follow through on the palate. An all time favourite.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Achim & Takuan von Arnim		
Jordan Sauvignon Blanc 2015 ****	180 ml (glass)	45
<i>Vigorous gooseberry/grassy scents. Steely, brisk medium-bodied, excellent flavour, long, dry finish.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan		
Alleé Bleue Sauvignon Blanc 2015 ****	180 ml (glass)	38
<i>Multi layered complex sauvignon blanc. Ripe, upfront tropical fruit aromas, balanced by herbaceous and grassy notes, with hints of kiwi and green pepper flavours.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Van Zyl du Toit		
Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2015 ****	180 ml (glass)	38
<i>Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear.</i>		
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt		
La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2015 ***(*)	180 ml (glass)	38
<i>Crisp and fruity with ripe melon and gooseberry flavours.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven		
Pierre Jourdan Tranquille 2015 **(*)	180 ml (glass)	30
<i>A delicious light summer wine, fragrant bouquet with fine fruit and dry finish. Classic dry salmon-coloured.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Achim & Takuan von Arnim		
Leopard's Leap Unwooded Chardonnay 2015 **(*)	180 ml (glass)	24
<i>Soupeçon oaked viognier adds almond flavour and structural elegance. Perfect for summer enjoyment.</i>		
Region: Franschoek Cellar masters: Eugene Van Zyl		



Leopard's Leap Semi Sweet 2015 **(*)	180 ml (glass)	24
<i>Fruity melon and pineapple, lusciously sweet.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Eugene Van Zyl		
Jordan Chameleon Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 2015 ***	180 ml (glass)	24
<i>Ripe Cape green fig Sauvignon Blanc and zesty, citrus-melon Chardonnay, balanced by a long creamy finish.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters : Gary & Kathy Jordan		

RED WINES

La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 ***(*)	180 ml (glass)	58
<i>Fine floral bouquet, blackcurrant, plum and tobacco hints.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven		
Raats Dolomite 2013 ****	180 ml (glass)	56
<i>Cherries, pepper & smokey notes before sweep of meaty red fruit – cranberries , ripe plums. Deliciously different.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Bruwer Raats		
Meinert Merlot 2012 ****	180 ml (glass)	55
<i>An elegant fruity and soft Merlot with classical Meinert tones as always. Excellent food wine with red currant, mint, spice and mineral aromas and a smooth crisp finish.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Martin Meinert		
Warwick First Lady 2014 ****	180 ml (glass)	40
<i>Predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon and the wine offers upfront blackberry fruit with fine wood integration.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Nic van Aarde		
Guardian Peak Shiraz 2014 ***(*)	180 ml (glass)	38
<i>Ripe and generous with bright cherry and plum flavours, revealing hints of crushed pepper, submerged in layers of exotic oak.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Philip van Staden		
Middelvlei Merlot 2014 ***	180 ml (glass)	36
<i>Bright Ruby in colour. Blackberry and bramble aromas, delicate cedar and sandalwood and lingering chocolate and blackcurrant flavours over silky smooth, ripe tannin structure.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Martin Meinert		
Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ****	180 ml (glass)	35
<i>Plush, dark fruit with supportive structure. Integrated new oak adds creamy texture.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Kosie Steenkamp with Piet Steenkamp		
Jordan Cabernet/Merlot 2012 ***	180 ml (glass)	30
<i>Rich, plummy Merlot compliments the minty, blackcurrant flavours of Cabernet Sauvignon.</i>		
<i>The peppery, dark berry fruit of the Shiraz adds a spicy complexity to the blend.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan		

ROSÉ

Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2015 ***	180 ml (glass)	30
<i>Plummy Merlot combined with summer-berry flavours of Shiraz add complexity to this dry fruity rosé.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan		



DESSERT WINE

Ken Forrester 'T' Noble Late Harvest 2012 *****

Botrytis dessert, shows beautiful counterpoint between glacé pineapple, quince and passionfruit and pervasive tangy acidity with harmonious oak buff. Intense yet nimble.

Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Ken Forrester

50 ml (glass) 60

CHAMPAGNE

Dom Perignon

W.O. Hautvillers, since 1668. An intense, vibrant, tactile yet mature, complex, and sensual champagne - Delicious!

750 ml 2200

Moët & Chandon Rosé

W.O. Epernay. Intense and aromatic blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.

750 ml 760

Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve NV

Finesse and elegance unchanged since 1945.

750 ml 760

Characterised by pear/blackberry nose with hints of cut hay and citrus fruits.

375 ml 360

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 620

Moët & Chandon NV Brut Imperial

W.O. Epernay. Fine and elegant with a delicious biscuity aroma and flavour.

750 ml 590

375 ml 360

SPARKLING WINE

Krone Rosé Cuvée Brut

Sassy, refreshing and uplifting with hints of berry fruits, enticing less yeastiness and an innocently sensual mousse.

750 ml 260

Region: Tulbach

Pierre Jourdan Cuvée Belle Rosé

A crisp elegant flavour with pinprick bubbles.

750 ml 210

Region: Franschoek

Graham Beck Brut

Classic Methode Cap Classique, complexity of flavours, fine bubbles, brilliant crisp finish.

750 ml 225

375 ml 118

Region: Robertson

Pongrácz Method Cap Classique

Yellow stone fruit aromas stimulating citric notes.

750 ml 185

JC le Roux Non Alcoholic

Non alcoholic, sweet bubbly.

750 ml 110

Region: Stellenbosch

JC le Roux le Domaine

Low alcohol, sweet bubbly.

750 ml 110

Region: Stellenbosch

JC le Roux la Chanson

Semi-sweet strawberry fruit flavoured bubbly.

750 ml 110

Region: Stellenbosch



SAUVIGNON BLANC

Cederberg Ghost Corner Wild Ferment 2014 *****	360
<i>Creamy, full palate with beautiful length enhanced with aromas of fleshy white pear & quince</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2014 *****	250
<i>With firm acidity and fresh citrus aromas coupled with flavours of green figs and classic mineral notes.</i>	
Region: Constantia Winemaker: Matthew Day	
Springfield Life from Stone 2014 *****	238
<i>Striking, exuberant freshness with sharp, clean flavour and zesty tropical notes.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	
La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2014 *****(*) (Organically Grown)	235
<i>A rich complexity of tropical fruit flavours such as passion fruit, melon, apples and litchi. There are also hints of fynbos.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Ataraxia Sauvignon Blanc 2015 *****(*)	220
<i>Passion fruit and citrus as well as melon and pink grapefruit aromas with just a hint of green grass and figs</i>	
Region: Hermanus Winemaker: Kevin Grant	
Tokara Reserve Collection Sauvignon Blanc 2015 *****	190
<i>A tropical cool climate sauvignon blanc – gooseberry, fig & grassy aromas with a dry, tropical fruit finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Miles Mossap	
Jordan Sauvignon Blanc 2015 *****	175
<i>Vigorous gooseberry/grassy scents, steely, brisk, medium-bodied, excellent flavour, long dry finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters : Gary & Kathy Jordan	
La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2015 *** (*)	150
<i>Crisp and fruity with ripe melon and gooseberry flavours.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Alleé Bleue Sauvignon Blanc 2015 *****	140
<i>Multi layered complex sauvignon blanc. Ripe, upfront tropical fruit aromas, balanced by herbaceous and grassy notes, with hints of kiwi and green pepper flavours</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Van Zyl du Toit	
Leopard's Leap Sauvignon Blanc 2015 **(*)	95
<i>Grassy melon profile with lip-smacking citrus tang.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellar master: Eugene Van Zyl	

CHARDONNAY

Springfield Méthode Ancienne Chardonnay 2012 *****(*)	420
<i>Barrel fermented with wild yeast from the vineyard, it was bottled unfiltered and unrefined.</i>	
<i>Unfiltered wine may deposit sediment and might require decanting if the wine is cellared.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	
Springfield Wild Yeast Chardonnay (unwooded) 2014 *****	260
<i>Creamily rich texture, ripe tropical flavours simply fold into the mouth with stunning concentration.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	
Dewetshof Chardonnay 2010 *****	240
<i>Butterscotch richness from extended less-ageing, crisp citrus acidity.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Danie de Wet	



La Motte Chardonnay 2014 ***(*)	220
<i>Groomed spice, citrus and cream merge seamlessly with firm tannins.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Thelema Sutherland Chardonnay 2012 ****	195
<i>Marmalade fruit and complex yeasty flavours in a nice harmony with toasty oak</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Rudi Schultz & Duncan Clarke	
Newstead Chardonnay 2013 ***	165
<i>Fruity and fresh, given extra weight, breadth by 4 months less-aging and 10% wooded portion.</i>	
Region: Plettenberg Bay Winemaker: Anton Smal	
Leopard's Leap Chardonnay 2015 **(*)	95
<i>Souçon oaked viognier adds almond flavour, structural elegance. Perfect for summer enjoyment.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellar masters: Eugene Van Zyl	

CHENIN BLANC

Cederberg Five Generations Chenin Blanc 2012 ****(*)	320
<i>Delicate aromas of honey, lime zest, roasted nuts and peaches laced with sweet vanilla undertones</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Morgenhof Chenin Blanc 2013 ****	230
<i>Wonderful expression of peach, apricot and passion fruit flavours. Refreshing and well integrated.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Andries de Klerk	
Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2014 ****	165
<i>Pineapple, pear and white fruit flavours with spiciness and aniseed, hints of butterscotch. Good balance. Excellent finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Bruwer Raats	
Beaumont Chenin Blanc 2015 ****	158
<i>Pear, green apple and cashew provide an array of aromatic characters. Ripe fruit is tempered by finely balanced acidity to give a mouth filling, yet refreshing palate, which has a lingering finish.</i>	
Region: Elgin Winemaker: Marelise Jansen van Rensburg	
Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2015 ****	150
<i>Beautiful layers of melon, grapefruit and fleshy white pear</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Ken Forrester Petit Chenin Blanc 2015 ***	105
<i>A crisp, fresh wine with lime, guava fruits and a touch of vanilla.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Ken Forrester	

DRY WHITE BLENDS

Cederberg Ghost Corner The Bowline 2014 ****	310
<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: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Elgin Vintners The Century 2012 ****	280
<i>Poised and engaging with rich, tangy stone fruit more in harmony with alcohol & creamy succulence.</i>	
Region: Elgin Cellarmasters/Winemakers: Kevin Grant, Gavin Patterson, Jeff Grier, Nico Grobler, Martin Meinert, Niels Verburg, Joris van Almenkerk	
Springfield Miss Lucy 2015 (Platter Rating currently unavailable)	220
<i>Unique blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Pinot Gris bursts with citrus pamplemousse flavours and full mouth feel.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	



Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 2015 ***(*)	170
<i>A blush of pink, tropical fruit and citrus aromas follow through on the palate. An all time favourite.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Achim & Takuan von Arnim	
Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc 2015 ***(*)	120
<i>Focused fresh lime & green notes, zingy acidity buffered by a touch of sugar.</i>	
Region: Constantia Winemaker: Brad Paton	
Pierre Jourdan Tranquille 2015 **(*)	120
<i>A delicious light summer wine, fragrant bouquet with fine fruit and dry finish. Classic dry salmon-coloured.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Achim & Takuan von Arnim	
Jordan Chameleon Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 2015 ***	95
<i>Ripe Cape green fig Sauvignon Blanc and zesty, citrus-melon Chardonnay, balanced by a long creamy finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters : Gary & Kathy Jordan	

RIESLING & OFF DRY WHITE WINES

Dewetshof Riesling 2012 ****	165
<i>Nose of orange blossom, ripe apple and stone-fruit. Off-dry with bright, light-tripping fruit balanced by zesty acidity.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Danie de Wet	
Theuniskraal Riesling 2015 ***(*)	90
<i>Fresh green tones, easy and uncomplicated. Delightful.</i>	
Region: Tulbach Winemaker: Andries Jordaan	

SEMI-SWEET WHITE WINE

Kupferberger Auslese 2013 **(*)	110
<i>Easy drinking, popular semi-sweet and flavoursome.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Deon Boshoff	
Leopard's Leap Semi Sweet 2015 **(*)	90
<i>Fruity melon and pineapple, lusciously sweet.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Eugene Van Zyl	

ROSÉ AND BLANC DE NOIR

Cederberg Sustainable Rosé 2015 *** (Organically grown)	120
<i>Fleshy raspberry notes, nice grip, light and dry enough.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Jordan Chameleon Rosé 2015 ***	110
<i>Plummy Merlot combined with summer-berry flavours of Shiraz add complexity to this dry fruity rosé.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan	
Boschendal Blanc de Noir 2015 ***	98
<i>Off-dry with crisp, smokey red berry flavours.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellar master: JC Bekker	



OTHER WHITE VARIETALS

Vergelegen Reserve Semillon 2013 ****	320
<i>Nose shows intense citrus, white flowers, honey and spice</i>	
Region: Somerset West Winemaker: Andre van Rensburg	
Elgin Viognier 2010 ****	210
<i>Outstanding, lovely taste and nose, gentle and seductive on the palate. Fabulous.</i>	
Region: Elgin Cellarmasters/Winemakers: Kevin Grant, Gavin Patterson, Jeff Grier, Nico Grobler, Martin Meinert, Niels Verburg, Joris van Almenkerk	
Paul Cluver Gewürztraminer 2013 ****	190
<i>With lime, white pepper nuances, wet pebble minerality, thrilling cassis acidity and a sweet flick in tail.</i>	
Region: Elgin Winemaker: Andries Burger	
Leeuwenkuil Marsanne 2014 (Platter Rating currently unavailable)	185
<i>Ripe tropical fruit and hints of vanilla. Good acidity helps the lingering mineral aftertaste.</i>	
Region: Swartland Cellarmaster: Pieter Carstens	
Cederberg Bukettraube 2013 ***(*)	140
<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: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	

OTHER RED VARIETALS

Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Grenache 2011 ***(*)	480
<i>Alluringly fragrant & expressive. Composed yet intense, shows real presence. Lovely fruity purity woven into silky & seamless structure.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Warren Ellis	
Tierhoek Grenache Noir 2012 ****	230
<i>Beautiful aromas of raspberry, spice & tree sap. The palate is well layered, with a very fine but firm tannin structure.</i>	
Region: Citrusdal Cellar Master: Roger Burton	
Zorgvliet Petit Verdot 2010 ***(*)	230
<i>Spicy red cherry appeal.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Neil Moorhouse & Ruben Adams	
Leeuwenkuil Cinsault 2014 ***(*)	180
<i>An elegant and velvet wine good colour and concentration for Cinsault. Red berries and cherries, savoury black olives and black spices.</i>	
Region: Swartland Cellarmaster: Pieter Carstens	
Le Pommier Malbec 2013 (Platter Rating currently unavailable)	165
<i>Beautiful perfumed notes on the nose give way to rich mulberry and dark cherry tones on the palate.</i>	
<i>Full, finely structured tannins.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Bernard Le Roux	



IMPORTED WINES

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2013	680
<i>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.</i>	
Country: New Zealand, Marlborough Winemaker: Tim Heath & Nick Blampied-Lane	
Marques De Riscal Reserva Rioja 2011	520
<i>Cherry-red colour with good robe. Spicy, balsamic aromas of great complexity, with notes of ripe dark berries and light toasted nuances. On the palate it is full and tasty, with good structure and rounded, elegant tannins.</i>	
Country: Spain, Rioja Alavesa Winemaker: Marqués Riscal	
Bourgogne Pinot Noir Prestige 2011	480
<i>Shows a real depth of fruit and fine silky texture with beautiful red burgundy colour.</i>	
Country: France, Burgundy Wine Maison: Henri De Villamont	
Frescobaldi Castle Castiglioni Chianti DOCG 2013	420
<i>Thanks to its outstanding local climate, Chianti Castiglioni mirrors perfectly the qualities of its local growing area. Smooth-textured and eminently fruity, it displays a fine clean-edged structure.</i>	
Country: Italy, Tuscany Winemaker: Nicolò D'Afflitto e Lamberto Frescobaldi	
Longavi Sauvignon Blanc 2013	360
<i>It expounds creamy gooseberry and nettle fruit flavours, with tangy acidity and a long, elegant tropical finish.</i>	
Country: Chile, Leyda Valley Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	

MAGNUMS

Meerlust Rubicon 2010 ****(*)	1.5l Magnum	990
<i>From the Directors Cellar. SA's Original Bordeaux-style reds, still finely judged, elegant & classically styled. Cassis & graphite whiffs, plush yet lithe & restrained.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Chris Williams		
The Chocolate Block 2013 ****(*)	1.5l Magnum	740
<i>Impresses with a refined structure, staying fresh & vibrant in support of billowing red fruit, layers of spice & flawless oak aromas.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek Cellar master: Marc Kent		
Grangehurst Nikela 2006 ****	1.5l Magnum	690
<i>Whispers of pinotage's raspberry & tannin bite yet elegantly rich & savoury. Fresh & firm with good further potential.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Jeremy Walker		
La Motte Shiraz 2010 ****	1.5l Magnum	560
<i>Luscious fruit, rich and complex flavours of plums, vanilla and spice.</i>		
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven		
Rupert and Rothschild Classique 2011 ***(*)	1.5l Magnum	530
<i>Raspberry, blackcurrant, cranberry and cherry flavours, followed by hints of spice and black pepper.</i>		
Region: Paarl Winemakers: Yvonne Lester & Clive Radloff		
Vondeling Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2005 ****	1.5l Magnum	490
<i>Intense cherries, sweet cassis, ripe red fruits, sandalwood and cedar balanced beautifully.</i>		
Region: Paarl Winemaker: Matthew Copeland		
Beyerskloof Pinotage 2013 ***(*)	1.5l Magnum	260
<i>Reliably outgoing, delicious, a ripe/bold incarnation of clove-spiked cherry/plum.</i>		
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Beyers Truter		



RED WINES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 ****(*)	550
<i>French oak has intensified the rich aromas of blackcurrant and cassis, layered with decadent dark chocolate and cherry tobacco.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 ****	280
<i>Deep ruby colour, huge mouth filling flavours of blackberry, cassis and vanilla. French Oak barrels add a complex toastiness.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan	
Neil Ellis Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 ****(*)	255
<i>Misleadingly accessible as layers unfold. Plums & violets are clearly apparent with tobacco notes and a smokey dry finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Warren Ellis	
Cederberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 ****	240
<i>Well established quality styling. Pure fruit, ample ripe tannins, a melange of cassis, mint and fragrant oak.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 ***(*)	225
<i>Fine floral bouquet, blackcurrant, plum and tobacco hints.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Warwick First Lady 2014 ****	158
<i>Predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon and the wine offers upfront blackberry fruit with fine wood integration.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Nic van Aarde	
Groenland Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ****	140
<i>Plush, dark fruit with supportive structure. Integrated new oak adds creamy texture.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Kosie Steenkamp with Piet Steenkamp	
Leopard's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 ***	115
<i>Classically styled with rich blueberry and plum flavours, toffee undertones. Oak fully integrated.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellar master: Eugene van Zyl	

CABERNET FRANC

Raats Cabernet Franc 2012 ****	520
<i>From the Directors Cellar. Dark plum, cherry, cinnamon and clove notes on the nose. Concentrated, silky round tannins that run from start to finish, showing smokey dark chocolate and rich plum flavours.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Bruwer Raats	
Raats Dolomite 2013 ****	225
<i>Cherries, pepper & smokey notes before sweep of meaty red fruit – cranberries, ripe plums. Deliciously different.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Bruwer Raats	

PINOTAGE

Wildeckrans Pinotage Barrel Selection 2013 ****	520
<i>Full bodied yet smoothly structured. Toasty oak and sweetish finish detract from pretty raspberry undertones.</i>	
Region: Bot River Winemaker: William Wilkinson	
Steytler Pinotage 2012 ****(*)	410
<i>Saturated plum colour with purple black, opaque heart; focused Pinotage expression with intense layers of brooding black fruit & opulent oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Danie Steytler Snr	



Southern Right Pinotage 2014 ****(*)	330
<i>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.</i>	
Region: Hermanus Winemaker: Hannes Storm	
Beaumont Pinotage 2013 ***(*)	230
<i>A delicious mouthful. Pure fresh raspberries and red currants.</i>	
Region: Elgin Winemaker: Marelise Jansen van Rensburg	
Beyerskloof Pinotage 2014 ***(*)	135
<i>Admirable quality and consistency. Clove-spiked plum, crunchy strawberry, soft tannins and very drinkable.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Beyers Truter	

SHIRAZ

Luddite Shiraz 2009 ****	520
<i>From the Directors Cellar. Elegant, Rhone style. Soft, cherry spiced character.</i>	
Region: Bot River Winemaker: Niels Verburg	
Cederberg Shiraz 2012 ****	290
<i>Multi-dimensional wine filled with intense red fruit, mulberry and cherries on the nose.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
De Grendel Shiraz 2014 ****(*)	240
<i>This Shiraz shows coriander, lavender, white pepper and some floral notes.</i>	
Region: Durbanville Winemaker: Elzette de Preez	
Vergelegen Shiraz 2012 ****(*)	220
<i>Dark ruby with violets, spice, chocolate, peat/smoke and black berry fruit.</i>	
Region: Somerset West Winemaker: Andre van Rensburg	
Neil Ellis Shiraz 2013 ****	190
<i>Elegant but concentrated palate with underlying cedar spice and a finely balanced tannin structure.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Warren Ellis	
Guardian Peak Shiraz 2014 ***(*)	150
<i>Ripe and generous with bright cherry and plum flavours, revealing hints of crushed pepper, submerged in layers of exotic oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Philip van Staden	

MERLOT

Meerlust Merlot 2012 ****	430
<i>Savoury and elegant, lifted with 14% cab. 19 months French oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Chris Williams	
Vergelegen Merlot 2012 ****(*)	330
<i>Ripe fruit flavours, black cherries, plum, spice and a touch of chocolate.</i>	
Region: Somerset West Winemaker: Andre van Rensburg	
Meinert Merlot 2012 ****	220
<i>Intense mix of ripe black cherry, mineral and chocolate aromas. Soft and rich on the palate with a firm, long finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Martin Meinert	
Zonnebloem Merlot 2014 ***(*)	140
<i>Elegant, ruby clarity, gentle choc/plum fruit, and rounded tannins.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Deon Boshoff	



Middelvlei Merlot 2014 ***	145
<i>Bright Ruby in colour. Blackberry and bramble aromas, delicate cedar and sandalwood and lingering chocolate and blackcurrant flavours over silky smooth, ripe tannin structure.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Tinnie Momberg	
Leopard's Leap Merlot 2015 **(*)	110
<i>Plummy, meaty depth of flavour.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellarmaster: Eugene Van Zyl	

PINOT NOIR

Cederberg Ghost Corner Pinot Noir 2015 ****	265
<i>Prominent red fruit of ripe cherries and sweet raspberries with an undertone of earthy, mushroom nuances.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Thelema Sutherland Pinot Noir 2012 ***	210
<i>Pure fruit aromas, lovely perfumed forest floor characteristics and hints of smoky spice.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Rudi Schultz & Duncan Clarke	
DeMorgenzon Pinot Noir 2012 (Platter Rating currently unavailable)	165
<i>A vibrant, fresh fruit-forward style of Pinot Noir with ripe strawberries, spice and savory hints.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemakers: Carl van der Merwe & Craig Barnard	

RED BLENDS

Meerlust Rubicon 2006 ****(*)	620
<i>From the Directors Cellar. Cassis & graphite whiffs, plush yet lithe and restrained, with good grip from 69 % cab with merlot and cab franc.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Chris Williams	
Buitenverwachting Christine 2010 ****(*)	500
<i>From the Directors Cellar. Merlot, cab franc and malbec, offers rich deep cassis & cherry fruit. Spicy cedar minerals.</i>	
<i>A touch leaner than previous, but nicely zesty.</i>	
Region: Constantia Winemaker: Brad Paton	
Dalla Cia Goirgio Bordeaux Blend 2011 ****(*)	470
<i>Shows complexity, finesse & balance. Red & black fruit, some herbs & tobacco. Built to last, absolute stunner.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Giorgio Dalla Cia	
Grangehurst Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 *****	450
<i>Complex cassis, red pepper, spice, leather & earthy notes.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker: Jeremy Walker	
Vriesenhof Kallista 2010 ****(*)	400
<i>Bordeaux blend offering lean minerality, lingering pencil lead with beautiful clean fruit with a hint of smoky tobacco and leather over silky smooth tannins.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Jan Coetzee	
The Chocolate Block 2014 ****(*)	360
<i>Impresses with a refined structure, staying fresh & vibrant in support of billowing red fruit, layers of spice & flawless oak aromas.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Cellar master: Marc Kent	
Rustenberg John X Merriman 2012 ****(*)	295
<i>Glossy high-toned ripeness presently accompanied by persistent grip.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Murray Barlow	



Ataraxia Serenity 2010 ****	285
<i>Finely scented vibrant nose with beautifully lifted dark berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spicy notes.</i>	
Region: Hermanus Winemaker: Kevin Grant	
Raats Red Jasper 2013 ****(*)	270
<i>The palate surprises with its darkness of fruit: blue and blackberries, blackcurrant, even bramble, intertwined with hints of tobacco and the darkest of chocolate. Complex and structured, it will be difficult to tire of this wine.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Bruwer Raats	
Rupert & Rothschild 2013 ****	256
<i>This Cab-Merlot blends smoke, biltong, cassis and blueberries in a fresh and classic style.</i>	
Region: Paarl Winemakers: Yvonne Lester & Clive Radloff	
La Motte Millennium 2013 ****	175
<i>A classic Bordeaux Blend, deeply rich cassis, colour- toned by French Oak.</i>	
Region: Franschoek Winemaker: Michael Langenhoven	
Beyerskloof Synergy 2015 ***(*)	165
<i>A full bodied cape blend with a deep red colour. Loads of red and black berry, with sweet cedar and spicy flavours of the new French oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Beyers Truter	
Cederberg Merlot/Shiraz 2014 ***(*)	160
<i>Abundance of fruit on the nose. Sweet plums and black currents from the Merlot and a slight hint of spice from the Shiraz.</i>	
Region: Elim Winemaker: David Nieuwoudt	
Jordan Cabernet/Merlot 2012 ***	115
<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 Cellar masters: Gary & Kathy Jordan	
Leopard's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2015 ***	115
<i>Glossy red fruit woven with graceful tannins.</i>	
Region: Franschoek Cellar master: Eugene van Zyl	

DESSERT WINES

Ken Forrester 'T' Noble Late Harvest 2012 *****	360
<i>Botryis dessert, shows beautiful counterpoint between glacé pineapple, quince and passion fruit and pervasive tangy acidity with harmonious oak buff. Intense yet nimble.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Ken Forrester	
Beaumont Goutte d'Or 2014 *****	350
<i>An irresistible combination of honeyed Semillon, dusty botrytis and Sauvignon's refreshing elements.</i>	
Region: Elgin Winemaker: Marelise Jansen van Rensburg	

PORT

Allesverloren Vintage	19
<i>A South African stalwart, youthful sweet flavours of ripe fruit, mocha and vanilla. Velvety.</i>	
Region: Riebeek West Cellar master: Danie Malan	



PREMIUM BRANDS

Whisky

Royal Salute	185
Johnny Walker Blue Label	185
Hennesy Xo	185
Glenfiddich 21 year	117
Bisquit	85
Hennesy VSOP	72
Laphroaig 10 year	72
Highland Park 12 year	68
Singleton 12 year	68
Glenmorangie 10 year	68
Johnny Walker Gold Label	68
Courvoisier	68
Woodford Reserve	68
Jack Daniels Single Barrel	68
Wild Turkey	60

Brandy

Van Ryns Reserve 20 year	145
Van Ryns Distillers Reserve 12 year	72
Tokara Potstill Brandy	68
Van Ryns Distillers Reserve 15 year	66

Gin

Gabriel Boudier Gin	45
Inverroche Verdant Gin	30
Inverroche Amber Gin	30
Inverroche Classic Gin	30

Vodka

Grey Goose Vodka	35
Belvedere Vodka	35



BIN LIST

Mvemve Raats de Compostella - Mzokhona Mvemve & Bruwer Raats 2006 ****(*)	890
<i>From the Directors Cellar. Deep, dark, intense ruby colour, with aromas of crushed black plum, violets & friars balsam with hints of cigar smoke. Rich & muscular with mineral black berry fruit & bittersweet cocoa notes on the finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Cellar master: Bruwer Raats	
Boekenhoutskloof Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 *****	750
<i>Notes of crushed dry cherry, then fragrant & herbal lift, slowly evolving to dark fruits & earthy hint.</i>	
Region: Franschhoek Winemaker:	
Meerlust Merlot 2005 ****	730
<i>Savoury and elegant, lifted with 14% cab. 19 months French oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker:	
Veenwouden Classic 2000 ****(*)	680
<i>From the Directors Cellar. The benchmark Bordeaux blend, soigné black currants and pencil shavings, sustain flavours in classic structure – SUPERB!</i>	
Region: Paarl Winemaker:	
Springfield Methode Ancienne Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 ****(*)	650
<i>Enters its maturity with firm, serious majesty. Fresh fruit & cedary oak, powerful & rich.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer	
Saxenburg Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 ****(*)	580
<i>Supple, plush & elegant. Precision & remark balance, with fruits of the forest, herbal flecks & dark chocolate combining with plush oak & mouthwatering final grip. A classic.</i>	
Region: Kuils River Cellar master: Nico van der Merwe	
Springfield Whole Berry 2003 ****	480
<i>Astonishing softness, orderliness & velvet interplay among cream & cassis.</i>	
Region: Robertson Winemaker:	
Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 ****	400
<i>Herbal tone with ripe cassis checked by dry, firm tannins from 18 months French oak.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker:	
Thelema Merlot 2000 ****	400
<i>Ripe berry bouquet with fleshy, luscious palate. Warm and balanced finish.</i>	
Region: Stellenbosch Winemaker:	



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 Hydrogène 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 oxidation, microbial spoilage, and further fermentation by the yeast.

SULPHUR 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.

