



## Wine Menu



## Sommelier Selection

### **Charles Fox 'Cipher' Brut 2011**

**R550.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Elgin*

Rich noble champagne colour, and a fine golden mousse. On the nose hints of citrus and a creamy nuttiness of macadamia and cashew, followed by biscotti and ending in an inviting freshness. On the palate bold citrus of lemon rind up front with an exceptional depth of rich brioche.

### **Waterford Sauvignon Blanc 2011**

**R300.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Brilliant clear-green colour with a crystal shimmer. The aromatics are lined with delicate tropical fruit notes followed by underlying hints of chalk and lime. On the palate, the well integrated acid is balanced by lovely pure fruit, and due to sur lee ageing the mid-palate carries great weight.

### **Raats 'Old Vine' Chenin Blanc 2013**

**R500.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

This wine epitomises the understated elegance of Chenin Blanc. Its restrained, yet complex, nose offers quince, ripe pear, orange blossoms, nettles and spice. On the palate the wine shows passion fruit, pineapple and lemongrass and the cloves, nutmeg and ginger of the nose follow through against a backdrop of vibrant acidity, ending with a long spicy, limey note. The wine's beauty lies in its lightness of touch and in the elegant way its complexity is revealed.

### **Morgenster 2001**

**R1 090.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

This red wine dark plum, concentrated centre and opaque to the edges. Enticing with almonds, coffee and sweet caramel, and alluring sniffs of cassis and vanilla pods. Great freshness with hits of blackberry sweetness. Elegant entry, very plush and immediately filling. Sweeter dark berry fruit very evident, which contributes well to balancing the minerality which adds a lot of weight.

### **Morgenster Italian Collection 'Tosca' 2008**

**R525.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Bright deep plum red with a lovely youthful appearance. Fresh cranberries and flowery perfume, roasted tomatoes, cigar box and deeper whiffs get you some cloves and cinnamon spiciness. Typical Sangiovese warmth and elegance, with silky tannins and elegant structure ensuring that this wine, which is still in its infancy.

### **Morgenster Italian Collection 'Nabucco' 2010**

**R780.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Deep concentrated bright pomegranate red. An introduction of sweet red cherries, rose and lilac notes and hints of ripe tomato and truffles. The superb balance between the sweet spice and sweet fruit, together with the cherry, cranberry type tanginess, makes for a very thought provoking and appealing palate.

## Chenin Blanc

The most widely planted grape varietal in South Africa, Chenin Blanc is made in a whole array of different styles. From tropical fruit-driven, easy-drinking wines, to more complex, honeyed, intense and barrel matured offerings. Un-wooded Chenin Blanc makes the perfect wine by the glass or as aperitif, whilst the more serious styles can be the perfect partner to spicy, smoky and rich robust dishes.

### Unwooded Chenin Blanc

#### **Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2015**

**R205.00 per bottle | R55.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Cederberg*

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. It has superb food compatibility and is definitely one of the most successful Cape Chenins of the last decade.

### Wooded Chenin Blanc

#### **Dry Land Collection Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2014**

**R220.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Paardeberg*

Made in a rich and ripe wooded style, this Chenin Blanc was fermented and matured in small French oak barrels. Together with the age old traditions of Dry Land viticulture, it resulted in a very aromatic and richly textured wine, with characteristics typical to Chenin Blanc grown under these conditions. Citrus, lemon zest, dried pear, peach and apricot flavours are only some of the aromas evident in the aromatics of this wine. The palate boasts hints of honey comb, pineapple and vanilla, while the finish is crisp with a well-balanced acidity.

#### **Rijks Private Cellar Chenin Blanc Reserve 2015**

**R310.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Tulbagh*

This wine exults a light straw colour with aromas of winter melon, peach and pine nut. Well rounded with perfect wood integration ensuring a delicious and interesting palate. It has elegance, finesse and concentrated fruit reflecting the true character of the cultivar from this extreme terroir in Tulbagh. It is 60% barrel fermented which results in a creamy after taste with long full finish.

#### **Ken Forrester 'FMC' Chenin Blanc 2013**

**R1025.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The most iconic Chenin Blanc in South Africa, from one of the vineyards in Stellenbosch synonymous with champion Chenin Blanc wine maker, Ken Forrester. Voted by Decanter Magazine as one of the 10 Best Varietal Wines from South Africa and by Wine Spectator as one of the Top 250 Wines in the World, this remarkable Chenin Blanc is made from hand selected grapes from low-yielding, old bush vines. It is rich and layered with dried apricot, vanilla and honey. Matured for 12 months in barrel, this wine is a real challenge to the world and regarded as one of the most complex, intense and layered Chenin Blanc available. A true gem!

## Chardonnay

This is one of the signature grapes of the great white Burgundies of France. It is widely regarded as the “Queen of Grape Varietals” and also one of the three building blocks responsible for Champagne. Un-wooded Chardonnay is a great alternative to drier, more acidic wines. Generally the more ambitious, bolder styles of Chardonnay tend to be barrel fermented in both new and older oak barrels, resulting in a more full bodied, complex wine, showcasing the grapes inherent cultivar personality.

### Unwooded Chardonnay

#### **Springfield Wild Yeast Chardonnay 2014**

**R265.00 per bottle | R73.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Robertson*

A truly unique style of unwooded Chardonnay using only natural fermentation to create a characterful wine with a creamy, full and rich palate. Whitestone fruit dominates this wine with peach, lime and pears culminating in a wine with layered complexity and intensity.

#### **Glenwood Unwooded Chardonnay 2015**

**R195.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

From a small, boutique producer in the beautiful Franschhoek Valley – this is their flagship! A classical Old World style of Chardonnay. Restrained fruit and chiselled minerality with powerful citrus bursts on the palate, creates an elegant and layered wine with fresh acidity.

### Wooded Chardonnay

#### **Dombeya Chardonnay 2013**

**R250.00 per bottle | R67.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Made by dynamic woman winemaker, Riani Strydom. This Chardonnay over delivers on all fronts, with beautiful bracing acidity and all the lemon, lime and citrus goodness one comes to expect. Graceful wood integration and generous mouth feel, all backed-up by bright acid, ensures an elegant and complex Chardonnay.

#### **B Vintners ‘Strandwolf’ Chardonnay 2014**

**R380.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The wine has a citrus core of fresh limes, which is well defined with crunchy apple and pineapple. Salinity and mineral elements reveals itself on the palate with delicate oak spice adding complexity. The wine remains fresh, yet restraint, with great length and depth as a result of some 10 months lees contact.

#### **Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay 2014**

**R890.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

One of the most sought after Chardonnays in South Africa. A powerful, full bodied wine with tons of fruit and a balanced acidity. The nose follows beautifully onto the palate with loads of vanilla and hazelnut and a plumb richness. A big, lingering aftertaste with seamless integration between fruit, alcohol and the 95% brand new French oak.

## Riesling

The iconic German grape varietal that is responsible for some of the world's greatest wines. Still relatively small plantings in South Africa, but those in cooler climates do the best. Quite a versatile grape with big mouth feel and natural higher sweetness than most whites, which makes it age quite beautifully.

### **Paul Cluver Close Encounter Reising 2015**

**R240.00 per bottle | R60.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Elgin*

Wonderfully fragrant – concentrated fruit and floral notes. Lots of mango, orange and frangipangi with sweet melon and pineapple freshness. Lovely lime and lemongrass finish.

### **Hartenberg Riesling 2014**

**R210.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The spicy richness on the nose gives way to a taut yet floral and fruity mid-palate that has both richness and complexity. The residual sugar is barely noticeable and if anything it contributes extra fullness and richness to the palate. This is a quality wine that offers great value and food-pairing versatility.

## Sauvignon Blanc

This is one of the most popular and more fashionable grape varietals in South Africa. Its traditional home is in the Loire Valley and Bordeaux region of France and it is characterized by zippy and fresh acidity and upfront fruit. South Africa makes a whole array of different styles of Sauvignon Blanc. From your more tropical fruit styles of warmer climates like Stellenbosch and Paarl, to the more critically acclaimed wines of cooler regions like Elim, Darling and Constantia.

### **The Goose Sauvignon Blanc 2014**

**R205.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Upper-Langkloof*

Gooseberries and Fynbos spice on the nose with beautiful natural acidity. The entry is generous with a broad mouth feel and long, clean after taste. A Sauvignon of great distinction with great maturation potential and good food match.

### **Neil Ellis Groenekloof Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

**R240.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Darling*

A classical Sauvignon Blanc made by one of South Africa's top wine producers. With fresh cut lime and underlying fynbos. Lovely, lemony acidity and a powerful palate, a beautiful wine!

### **Constantia Glen Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

**R330.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Constantia*

A true gem from Constantia. With a dollop of Semillon, this cool climate wine is getting better and better every year. All natural acidity with a balanced core and richness. This is a wine with years ahead of it, but with enough youthful bracing acidity and moderate alcohol to be enjoyed young. A restrained, elegant and cool climate classic!

**Iona Sauvignon Blanc 2015****R325.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Elgin*

The Sauvignon Blanc that woke up the international press to the quality and potential of coolclimate South African Sauvignons. Positively bristles with layered fruit, kiwi and passion fruit. A Sauvignon that is made to last a good few years thanks to the underlying Elgin minerality. Serious and layered!

**Cape of Good Hope 'Altima' Sauvignon Blanc 2015****R275.00 per bottle | R70.00 per glass***Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

Gooseberry, fig and granadilla vibrancy are fleshed out with a lime zest and grassy nuance to the bouquet. Typical Sauvignon Blanc lemon and lime zest flavours abound on the palate. Vibrant fresh acidity and some gravelly, flint notes too. Clean and focussed with a definted dry tail.

**Waterkloof 'Circumstance' Sauvignon Blanc 2015****R190.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

An elegant wine with notes of white pepper, lime and a hint of green pepper on the nose. It has a rich texture and mouthfeel, with a lingering minerality ending with a fresh acidity. An excellent wine to pair with fresh crayfish on the grill.

## Semillon

One of the building blocks of the great Bordeaux whites. Generally blended away with Sauvignon Blanc, and famed for its waxy, lanolin and broad mouth feel characteristic. When done well, it results in some of the world's great wines.

**Nitida Semillon 2014****R235.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Durbanville*

Woodland frangipani dripping renosterveld honey, wild gooseberries, a sense of subtle nettles or cloves. For all foods Eastern, prawns or artichokes with aioli sauce.

**Dawid Niewoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2014****R395.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Elim*

From the man who put the Cederberg winery on the map and easily one of the top Semillons in South Africa. It has loads of lanolin and typical waxy characteristics with a strong green bite. Spent some time in new French oak barrels, this is a very big wine, that'll stand up to most rich dishes. A true classic and collectable wine.

## Viognier

One of the building blocks of typical Rhone white blends. Viognier shows great promise in South Africa, with most examples wooded or even used as a blending partner to Shiraz, to tone down the sometimes harsh tannins. Typical flavours to look out for is peach, apricot and pears, with the wooded versions, carrying a richer, more honeyed swagger, with natural higher residual sugar.

### **Lismore Viognier 2013**

**R415.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Elgin*

A full-bodied and well-rounded wine. Honeysuckle, peaches and dried apricot with a lingering citrus finish. A clean fresh acidity supports the extravagance of the nose and the palate.

## White Bordeaux Style Blends and Rhone Style Blends

Gaining in popularity in South Africa and mirrored on the great Bordeaux style whites of blended Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, with the freshness and zippy acidity of Sauvignon Blanc, toned down by the broad, mouth feel brought to the blend by the Semillon. Most critics believe this is South Africa's strongest white wine category with wine to stand up to the world's most iconic examples.

Rhone style blends are mostly Chenin Blanc dominant with splashes of Viognier, Grenache Blanc, Rousanne, Chardonnay and other grape varieties polishing off the blend. It tends to be more wooded and richer than Bordeaux blends, with notes of peach, apricot, quince and honey forming a big part of the flavour profile.

**Dry Land Collection Pinot Noir/Chardonnay 2014**    **R210.00 per bottle | R60.00 per glass** *Wine of Origin Paardeberg*

The age old friendship between Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is testimony of the affinity they have for one another, resulting in this aromatic wine with its salmon pink color. Strawberry, candy floss and raspberry aromas are all attributed to Pinot Noir, while Chardonnay boasts notes of mango, pineapple and fruit salad. The palate is fruity and crisp with a zippy acidity, combining an array of flavours and sensations, leaving you with a fresh and lively aftertaste.

### **Chamonix White Reserve 2013**

**R470.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

Sauvignon Blanc Reserve in the first year after harvest shows a pale straw colour, fresh aromas with scents of exotic spice, figs, grapefruit and thyme. On the palate it is full and round with rich fruit sensation and minerality balanced by bracing acidity.

### **Strandveld Adamastor White Blend 2009**

**R285.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Elim*

Strandveld is one of the most up and coming wineries in South Africa. A commanding Bordeaux style white with marine infused oyster shell notes and sea breeze acidity. The 10 months in French oak was done with a deft touch and with only resulting in a wine with remarkable richness and a regal finish. Superbly done!

**Miles Mossop Saskia 2012**  
*Wine of Origin Western Cape*

**R425.00 per bottle**

Miles Mossop is the cellar master at Stellenbosch hot property, Tokara and this is his own signature Rhone style white blend named after his daughter. A blend of Chenin Blanc (71%) and Viognier (29%) from Stellenbosch and Paarl respectively, the Saskia exalts notes of honeysuckle and almonds and this flows through onto the palate, where it is complemented with peaches and rich apricots. Great with rich fish dishes.

**Muratie Laurens Campher 2014**  
*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

**R250.00 per bottle**

Lively fresh lemon and lime notes from the Chenin and Sauvignon Blanc are given added interest with fragrant floral hints from the Verdelho and Viognier components. On the palate, the wine is elegant and complex with flavours of honeysuckle, lime marmalade and fresh almonds, all wrapped in creamy oak. Zippy acidity runs through the wine until the eminently satisfying, lengthy finish

## Rosé

Extremely popular in most countries where the sun shines more often than not, Rosé wines can be made through 3 different methods, namely skin contact, Saignee and blending. In South Africa most Rosé are made by the first method, where red skinned grapes are crushed and the skins are allowed to remain in contact with the juice for a short period, typically two or three days. The grapes are then pressed and the skins are discarded rather than left in contact throughout fermentation (as with red wine making). The skins contain much of the strongly flavoured tannin and other compounds, thereby leaving the taste more similar to a white wine. The longer the skins are left in contact with the juice, the more intense the colour of the final wine.

**Cederberg Sustainable Rosé 2015**  
*Wine of Origin Cederberg*

**R145.00 per bottle**

An elegant salmon pink colour with subtle strawberry, candyfloss and raspberry aromas. Long lively palate with a crisp natural acidity. A perfect summer refresher. From 100% Shiraz and certified organic.

**Almenkerk Lace Rose 2015**  
*Wine of Origin Elgin*

**R230.00 per bottle**

Single-vineyard wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes - picked earlier in order to get the vibrant fruit flavours - make up this dry, more serious rosé. Aromas of ripe raspberry and watermelon are complemented on the palate by a savoury character. Great with salads, seafood, pork and slightly spicy dishes.

**Waterkloof Circumstance Cape Coral Rosé 2015**  
*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

**R215.00 per bottle | R60.00 per glass**

A serious, dry Cape Mourvèdre with herby, spicy character. Elegant fresh red fruit flavours allow for immediate appeal. The delicate, pale Cape Coral Mourvèdre Rosé, with delicate fruit on the palate, ends with a tight, dry finish. The colour inspired the reference to "Coral."

# Cabernet Sauvignon

Regarded as the “King of Grapes” and the basis for most of the world greatest wine from Bordeaux. Generally quite astringent and tannic, but with notes of blackcurrant (cassis), herbs, pencil box, grassiness and in some regions even mint and eucalyptus. A hybrid cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc, it is full bodied, dry and very complex which does benefit from being aerated (decanted) before serving.

## **Edgebaston ‘GS’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

**R1005.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

A tribute to legendary South African winemaker, George Spies (GS), by award-winning winemaker, David Finalyson. Dark brooding tannins with an inky hue. The tannins are voluptuous, silky and deceptively approachable for such a serious wine. The birth acidity and fine, tailored berry fruit are all in complete harmony. A true triumph!

## **Kaapzicht Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

**R300.00 per bottle | R100.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Deep ruby with saturated opaque centre; abundance of blackcurrant, fynbos and fennel with inky succulence and firm well-managed tannins; rich fruit is beautifully balanced with integrated oak flavours lending depth and complexity. Still somewhat unyielding of delights to come, but lovely structure and fruit will reward a few years cellaring with a luscious mouthful.

## **Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 2011**

**R470.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

This is probably the most iconic and consistent Cabernet Sauvignon from South Africa. Beautifully poised and balanced with powerful, yet fresh refinement. The retrained yet sweet fresh berry fruit, is well supported by the oak used, leading to a dry and focused finish.

## **Journey’s End Cabernet Sauvignon 2009**

**R320.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

A core of rich blackcurrants, black plums, with a savoury overlay, meat extract, white pepper, mixed spice. The velvety texture is a result of maturation – the wine is at the perfect drinking age – and fine-textured tannins. Complex layered and well crafted.

## Cabernet Franc

One of the "parents" to Cabernet Sauvignon and generally used as a blending partner in the great Bordeaux blend of the Medoc and in South Africa, it makes for an interesting single varietal bottling. Characterised by silky tannins, black fruit, cigar-box and green herbaceous tones, with some brown spices. The top examples from the Cape can hold their own against the other examples from the 'Old World'.

### **Raats 'Dolomite' Cabernet Franc 2014**

**R270.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Individually crafted from unique vineyard parcels, Dolomite wines express great purity of fruit and balanced elegance. Displays succulent red fruits coupled with a beautifully smoky, mineral quality. Supple, extremely moreish and a great example of this much under-rated variety.

### **Rainbow's End Cabernet Franc 2013**

**R360.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Intense deep red, colour. Typical vegetative and herbaceous aromas with hints of vanilla, French oak and cedar. Tones of ripe blackberry/cassis on the palate. Very ripe seductive tannins, rich chewy chocolate mouth feel.

## Pinotage

Pinotage is South Africa's signature red grape varietal. Developed in 1926 by Prof. Perold in Stellenbosch, it is a hybrid between Pinot Noir and Cinsaut (previously known as Hermitage.) Pinotage comes in various styles and tends to benefit from being served a little bit cooler than the other red varietals. Its home is Stellenbosch, and has also been produced successfully in cooler climates, where it tends to be softer and more feminine, almost Pinot Noir like in appearance. Flavour profile includes, tomato, plum, dark chocolate, strawberry, banana, earthy, leather and mushrooms.

### **De Waal Pinotage 2012**

**R170.00 per bottle | R50.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

This is a typical Pinotage, produced by the one of the first families to ever produce Pinotage, the De Waals from Stellenbosch. This is a full, fruity wine with flavours of ripe plums and cherries; rich with a persistent finish and well integrated wood.

### **Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Pinotage 2014**

**R395.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Wellington*

Beautiful fruit core and polished tannins is what you'll pick up from this well crafted Pinotage. Rich, smooth tannins and well integrated oak. On the palate the dark chocolate, ripe plum and mocha smoothness comes to the fore, wrapped up in layers of brooding dark fruit and seductive tannins.

### **Southern Right Pinotage 2014**

**R420.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Walker Bay*

Typical cool climate, almost Burgundian in style. Smoky notes with spiced cherry and strawberry aromas. This is a finely textured Pinotage, elegant, smooth and world-class. All the aspects of this wine are in harmony and the finely textured, yet persistent tannins a real joy to the senses.

**Kanonkop Pinotage 2013****R805.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

This wine has long been seen as the flag bearer for Pinotage the world over. Always a Pinotage with the legs to age beautifully, but in recent years the style has changed to be softer and more approachable in its youth. Juicy dark plum flavours and spicy red fruit, beautifully seasoned and framed by 70% new oak barrels. Great length and bright acidity - a real Cape benchmark!

## Pinot Noir

The red grape responsible for the seductive and sexy wines of Burgundy. The structure is delicate and fresh, with soft tannins, which is related to the low level of polyphenones. The aromatics are very fruity (cherry, strawberry, plum), often with notes of tea-leaf, damp earth, or worn leather. Pinot Noir is very transparent to the place where it is grown – terroir. In South Africa, the best examples come from cooler regions such as Walker Bay, Elgin and high altitude vineyards in Franschhoek. It also forms the basis for most Sparkling Wine and Champagne.

**Newton Johnston Félicité Pinot Noir 2014****R195.00 per bottle | R55.00 per glass***Wine of Origin Walker Bay*

Precociously delicious and perfumed with dark cherries and spice. A softer, more approachable style of Pinot Noir, yet long lasting in flavour and with balanced freshness. Will benefit from being served chilled to bring out all the strawberry goodness of a soft, enduring wine.

**Creation Pinot Noir 2015****R435.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Walker Bay*

A very polished Pinot Noir. Typical sweet cherry notes and polished seductive tannins, are once again the focus here, but with enough fruit and balanced acidity to ensure enough grip and lingering after taste.

**Chamonix Reserve Pinot Noir 2014****R780.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

The Chamonix Pinot Noir Reserve shows a ruby red colour, with notes of cherry, wild red berries, crushed black pepper, cinnamon and violets on the nose. Although firm in structure and intense in flavour, textures are mellow and round, expanding with time to extraordinary opulence and length on the palate.

**Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir 2015****R900.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Hemel-en-Aarde Valley*

The flag bearer for Pinot Noir in South Africa. Always right up there in quality stakes to rival the best in the world. This is a classic, Burgundy style Pinot Noir, with ripe, fragrant cherry and strawberry notes and earthy finish. The tannins are silk like supple and succulent with just a touch of some delicate smokiness. A real treat.

## Merlot

The partner in crime to most Cabernet Sauvignon based blends and one of the noble grape varieties from Bordeaux. Generally softer in tannin structure and fruitier than Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot's flavour profile exalts black cherry and herbal flavours.

### **Anura Merlot Reserve 2014**

**R245.00 per bottle | R75.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Paarl*

A beautiful Merlot with rich and textured tannins and gorgeous fruit. Some minty undertones, with black fruit and everlasting finish.

### **Hartenberg Merlot 2013**

**R385.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Benchmark Merlot from Stellenbosch. A lovely grippy, fleshy wine with violets and mulberry notes, vibrant acidity and soft, smooth tannins. Dry finish from the 18 months in oak but enduring finish nonetheless.

### **Ernie Els Merlot 2013**

**R405.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The medium bodied 2012 Merlot shows the sparkle of the vintage with a fresh acidity and delicate red fruits. Laced with ripe plums, morello cherry, shavings of milky chocolate and a hint of mint, it is dazzlingly complex and yet shows its pedigree of exceptional drinkability and class. Soft, chewy tannins balance the silky, oak-aged structure, whilst the palate eventually ends with whiffs of fine tobacco and earthy spice.

### **Waterkloof 'Circumstance' Merlot 2012**

**R330.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Helderberg*

Pencil shavings, dark fruit and tobacco flavours on the nose. Elegant, bright acidity with juicy fruit on the palate. Great length with fine tannins on the finish. Pairs well with duck and lamb dishes.

## Red Blends

Red blends can fall into a variety of categories. In South Africa, these are notably divided into the 2 most prominent categories namely Bordeaux style blends and Rhone style blends.

### **Buitenverwachting Meifort 2010**

**R180.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Constantia*

Full bodied and complex red blend. Warm and inviting nose showing elegant plum, red cherry characters combined with spicy oak and tobacco characters.

### **Rupert & Rothschild Classique 2013**

**R350.00 per bottle | R95.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Western Cape*

Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Young and vibrant with raspberry aromas, blueberry flavours, roasted pine nuts and a dark chocolate aftertaste.

**Rustenberg John X Merriman 2012****R410.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

An all time classical Bordeaux style blend from one of South African Top wineries. Layers of cassis and lead pencil and tobacco. Powerful and classy wine which spent 21 months in French oak. A huge wine which needs to be handled with respect!

**Guardian Peak Summit 2012****R400.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

A harmonious blend of Syrah, Mouvedre and Grenache. Extreme spice all held together by lovely fruit and oak support. Tense core and supple tannins. Full ripeness and brambleberries with a touch of tar, but with a smooth texture and matured for 18 months in brand new French and American oak.

**The Goose Expression 2008****R440.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Upper-Langkloof*

A unique blend of Shiraz (85%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (15%). Identifiable by the remarkable smooth tannin structure and various layers of spice. Perfect example of cool climate class and sophistication. The remarkable explosive fruit of the Upper Langkloof are well harnessed and portrayed in this celebration of Outeniqua terroir.

**Warwick Trilogy Estate Reserve 2012****R815.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Classically styled Bordeaux style red blend. A true thoroughbred wine, dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, with Cabernet Franc and Merlot the supporting act. 26 months in oak barrels indicates a wine of classical proportions – fine cedar wood, tobacco, spice and fine tannic grip. Extremely well balanced.

**Kaapzicht Steyler Vision Cape Blend 2012****R910.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The most celebrated Pinotage blend from the Cape. Multi award winning Cape blend with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot rounding off a trademark New World style flaunting bright red cherry notes. It is broad and bold yet refreshing, thanks to the wonderful acidity and well integrated oak. A true gem!

**Meerlust Rubicon 2012****R830.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

The flag bearer for all South African Bordeaux Blends. An international icon, and a longstanding benchmark wine. Dominated by cassis and cherry notes and concentrated powdery tannins, just a hint of tea leaves, with large dollops of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot in support. The 70% new oak barrels adding to the complexity and structure.

**Mvemve Raats De Compostella 2013****R2 080.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

Deep, dark intense ruby colour. Blackcurrant and black cherry fruit with hints of violets, cedar and cinnamon. Rich and complex with mineral, black berry fruit and dark chocolate on the finish. Harmoniously composed of sufficient of each of the five Bordeaux varieties to ensure none dominates. This wine shows a consistent, linear flavour profile with a polished finish.

## Shiraz

Sometimes referred to as Syrah; Shiraz is one of the most prominent red grape varieties in the world. Its home is the Rhone valley in France, but it has been successfully grown in New World countries, most notably South Africa and Australia. Some typical aromas and flavours of Shiraz are wild black fruit (such as blackcurrant), with overtones of black pepper spice and roasting meat (savory) being the identifiable characteristic. The abundance of fruit sensations is often complemented by warm alcohol and gripping tannins.

The Shiraz variety gives hearty, spicy reds. Shiraz produces some of the world's finest, deepest, and darkest reds with intense flavours and excellent longevity.

### **Raka Biography Shiraz 2012**

**R275.00 per bottle | R80.00 per glass**

*Wine of Origin Stanford*

The people's Shiraz. Easily fits its flagship role within the Raka stable with trademark, silky tannins and appealing oak support complex. Gorgeous aromatics with coriander spice and concentrated dark berries. Lovely underlying spice and richness.

### **Andreas Shiraz 2012**

**R350.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Wellington*

Cinnamon, spice and raisins. Smooth tannin structure with notes of chocolate dip strawberries. The ripe fruit is well balanced from 18 months in barrel with a sweet blackberry liqueur finish.

### **Vergelegen Reserve Shiraz 2013**

**R660.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Helderberg*

Stunningly ripe and concentrated berry fruit including ripe black cherry fruit, hints of liquorice, violets and spice. The flavours on the palate are intense and long lasting with soft tannins leading to a clean finish.

### **Kevin Arnold Shiraz 2011**

**R480.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

A classic amongst Stellenbosch Shiraz, supple, more European in style. Beautiful rich core, savouriness and lingering length. Balanced fruit and lovely oak support. All new French oak barrels.

### **Eagle's Nest Shiraz 2012/2013**

**R620.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Constantia*

Multiple award winner from high altitude slopes in Constantia. Its trademark black pepper introduction plays seductively with the notable creamy and elegant tannins in seductive harmony. Hints of complexity and gorgeous finish. Fast becoming the benchmark cool climate Shiraz in South Africa.

### **Saxenburg 'SSS' Shiraz 2007**

**R1 885.00 per bottle**

*Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

As big and bold as you can get! Very special, flagship label which has grown in stature over the last few years. Rippled, big muscled wine with silky texture. Seductive floral notes with black plum and cherry fruit. A wine with an everlasting and silky crescendo. A special occasion red and the perfect partner to any rich, meat dish.

## Port

**De Krans Pink Port NV**  
*Wine of Origin Calitzdorp*

**R135.00 per bottle | R35.00 per glass**

A rose colour port with loads of strawberries and candyfloss. Tinta Barocca, Touriqua National and Souzao. A lovely alternative to the heavier more tannic dark ports.

**Quinta do Sul Vintage Port 2009**  
*Wine of Origin Calitzdorp*

**R305.00 per bottle | R30.00 per glass**

The signature port from port guru, Alwyn Liebenberg. Delicious and distinctive. A 7 varietal blend of all the main Portuguese port varieties with dollops of Tannat and Shiraz. Scrubby dark chocolate and raisins play around the palate with a sweet entry and slippery mouth feel. A distinctive dry finish. Beautiful!

**De Krans Tawny Port NV**  
*Wine of Origin Calitzdorp*

**R390.00 per bottle | R35.00 per glass**

Stunning tawny port. Mainly Tinta Barocca with splashes of Touriqua National. The port exudes a flaming amber hue with lots of coffee and toffee highlighted by a nutty core. Lovely tangy acidity and firm finish - a wonderful companion to cheese boards or as an after dinner drink.

**Allesverloren Vintage Port 2009**  
*Wine of Origin Swartland*

**R275.00 per bottle | R35.00 per glass**

Deep ruby red with an abundance of alluring blackcurrant, raisin, and fruit cake and honey aromas. A velvety and rich wine with a soft and smooth lingering fruit cake finish.

## Dessert Wine

South Africa is home to some of the most celebrated and complex sweet dessert wines in the world. Generally 2 styles of dessert wines are made, namely Noble Late Harvest and Straw Wine. Noble Late Harvest – Wines showcasing a noble rot character from grapes infected by Botrytis Cinerea fungus, which attacks the grape skins, causing much of the juice to evaporate. This results in powerfully, concentrated, sweet grapes. Straw Wine - Mostly made from Chenin Blanc grapes, which are laid out on straw beds in the sun to dry out. As the grapes dry out naturally, the sweetness increases to intense proportions. Painstakingly slow process but with glorious results.

**Paul Cluver Weisser Dry Noble Late Harvest 2014**  
*Wine of Origin Elgin*

**R535.00 per bottle | R70.00 per glass**

Delicate and gentle oaking, only 30% barrel matured for 6 months. Lovely peach fruit and stony Riesling tang with mineral core. The natural acidity freshens the wine beautifully and preserves all the natural sugars and fruit. One of the iconic dessert style wines in South Africa.

**Alvi's Drift Muscat De Frontignan 2014****R325.00 per bottle | R50.00 per glass***Wine of Origin Worcester*

The wine has a lovely golden colour reflecting the ripeness of the grapes used in its production. The nose is filled with complex aromas of dried fruits, muscat grapes and christmas pudding. The high sugar level of the wine gives it a viscous and decadent mouth feel. The wine fills the palate with an explosion of dried apricot, peach and nutty flavours. A wonderful way to finish the evening or splendid with soft cheese and nuts.

**Klein Constantia 'Vin de Constance' 2011****R1 850.00 per bottle | R210.00 per glass***Wine of Origin Constantia*

The most iconic wine from South Africa, drank by aristocrats and royals as far back as the 1700's. Uniquely made from unbotrytised Muscat de Frontignan, this wine spends a whopping 42 months in oak with 20% new barrels. It develops into a concentration of sweet mango, kumquat, and glazed pineapples with an everlasting finish. A true statement of class and sophistication. One of the world's great wines and a joy to the senses.

## Method Cap Classique

Method Cap Classique, or MCC, as it is often referred to, denotes a sparkling wine from South Africa, made in the traditional Champagne method. The same traditional varieties all contribute in the making of this style of sparkling wine. In South Africa, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are the main components, with Pinot Meunier playing a less critical role than in Champagne. The traditional home of MCC in South Africa is Stellenbosch and Franschhoek although Robertson (especially the Blanc de Blanc style) is increasing in popularity. Generally MCC offers outstanding value compared to the more expensive Champagnes wines from France.

**Môreson Solitaire NV****R295.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

A lovely blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Franschhoek. Tightly sprung and savoury with great depth and class.

**Bartiney 'Noble Savage' Brut NV****R285.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Stellenbosch*

It is medium bodied with an attractive creamy textured mousse. It is distinctly dry and so enhances the yeastiness and sensation of baked apples in the mid palate.

**Silverthorn 'The Green Man' Blanc de Blanc 2013****R530.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Robertson*

From John Loubser, cellar master at this blue chip Constantia property, Steenberg. Made from 100% Chardonnay grapes from the Robertson valley. Elegant citrus notes with a fine mousse and restrained finish. Extremely intense and persistent with lots of body. Beautiful boutique champagne style wine for special occasions.

**High Constantia Clos Andre 2009****R620.00 per bottle***Wine of Origin Constantia*

Typical brioche flavours and baked apples. Mostly Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Some aniseed and bone dry finish. More Champagne in style and of real class.

**L'ormirans Brut NV**  
*Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

**R260.00 per bottle | R75.00 per glass**

Good vibrance and crisp crunch of acidity to balance the ripe fruitiness. Rounded, creamy, broad and textured in the mouth. Elegant and statuesque. Its long aftertaste finishes on a light lemon zest note.

**L'ormirans Brut Rose 2013**  
*Wine of Origin Franschhoek*

**R420.00 per bottle | R100.00 per glass**

Enticing pale salmon hue. Vivacious lime/lemon edge to cranberry- and red fruit aromas. In the mouth the entry is crisp and vibrant with lively peach-, pomegranate- and cranberry flavour. The palate is focussed, structured and taut with lovely dryness and elegance. The wine finishes with a leesy, creamy tail but remains precise to the end.

## Champagne

Champagne is a sparkling wine produced by inducing the in-bottle secondary fermentation of the wine to effect carbonation. It is produced exclusively within the Champagne region of France, from which it takes its name. The primary grapes used in the production of Champagne are Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier.

**Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve NV**  
*Marne Valley, Champagne, France*

**R1 525.00 per bottle**

One of the finest Champagne houses in France, the name was born after the wedding of Nicolas Francois Billecart and Elisabeth Salmon. Perfect harmonious blending with a strong dominance of Pinot Noir is completed with the minerality and elegance of Chardonnay and the fruit forwardness of Pinot Meunier. The blend has remained unchanged since 1945. The aromas are chiefly characterised by pear and blackberry with hints of cut hay. Light and refined with a touch of citrus on the finish.

**Veuve Cliquot Rosé NV**  
*Reims, Champagne, France*

**R1 795.00 per bottle**

A bright savour strawberry dipped in sea salt with some watermelon notes. There is an urgent freshness, driven by redcurrants and tight plum skin flavours, light with a hint of smokiness and fine bubbles.

**Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV**  
*Epernay, Champagne, France*

**R1 235.00 per bottle**

Favoured by Winston Churchill. The nose is full of rich brioche and cinnamon rich pastry. Deep honey nougat elegance, praline and exotic fruits. It has a big, broad palate with soft edges full of rich, juicy and exotic fruits like white peach and star fruit. A classic Champagne.

**Dom Perignon Vintage 2006**  
*Epernay, Champagne, France*

**R4 525.00 per bottle**

The best known and most revered of all Champagnes. Fresh almonds and harvest aromas immediately open up to preserved lemon and dried fruits. Rounded off by darker, smoky qualities, intense with just a slight elegant hint of underlying bitterness. Captivating Champagne of the highest quality.