

We suggest matching the intensity of the food with the intensity of the wines. Most spicy dishes are best served with a crisp well chilled white wine or a lightly chilled red. Unwooded white wines with lighter flavoured dishes and heavier whites and full bodied reds with the stronger flavoured ones.

House Wines

All wines are top quality bottled wines, served by the bottle or 250 ml glass

White

Kanu Chenin Blanc	Crisp & full bodied, the papaya & pineapple flavours ensure lingering aftertaste	30	90
Durbanville Hills Chardonnay	A lightly wooded wine that retains the freshness of the fruit.	40	120
Ken Forrester Sauvignon Blanc	An exceptional long tropical pineapple, melon finish.	50	150

Red

Jacobsdal Pinotage	Berries supported by toasted oak flavours.	50	150
Fleur du Cap Merlot	Full bodied with a punch of juicy fruit, backed by wood spice.	50	150
Backsberg Cabernet Sauvignon	Fruit and oak tannins balance full flavours of plum and blackberry.	55	165

Champagne

The name Champagne is derived from the Latin word Campania, denoting the land north of Rome. In later times the area in the north east of France was named Champagne, and it is here that the first sparkling wines were made. The grape varieties used are Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier which are subjected to the methode champenoise involving second fermentation in the bottle.

Moet & Chandon	Supple and refined lines, inspiring well-being.	900
Veuve Clicquot Yellow label	Apple-butter flavours balanced by crisp acidity.	985
Billecarte Salmon Brut Rose	Blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir. Light with a fresh finish.	1600
Dom Perignon	Medium to cool bodied, crisp	3000

Sparkling

Pongracz	Chardonnay imparts a clean flintiness with deep body and taste.	195
Pierre Jourdan Cuvee Belle Rose	Colour and flavours of the Pinot Noir, maintaining a distinguished dry elegance.	240

White Wines Chardonnay

The origin of Chardonnay is France, Burgundy region. In the eighties it became a highly fashionable cultivar with a huge following in California. Styles in South Africa vary from unwooded to medium wood, to heavily wooded depending on the winemakers preference.

Unwooded Chardonnays reflects the flavours of citrus and lime / lemon whereas the wooded Chardonnays have a vanilla and butterscotch character. We recommend unwooded with creamy buttery dishes, medium with rich spicy dishes and heavily wooded Chardonnays with stronger meals.

Thelema Chardonnay	Layers of spice and vanilla flavours. Balanced with an oak finish.	190
Mulderbosch Chardonnay	Fresh and crisp. Full creamy texture and well rounded.	195
Glen Carlou Chardonnay	Citrus and succulent fruit flavours and crisp finish.	200
Tokara Chardonnay	Lime, lemon blossom & flint on the nose that follow through to the palate	215
Meerlust Chardonnay	Hints of nougat, marzipan and white chocolate.	315
Hamilton Russell Chardonnay	Tight knit palate with spicy fruit and oak aromas.	495

Sauvignon Blanc

Origin Bordeaux region France, a crisp, green, lively and fresh wine usually made in a dry style with aromatic odours varying from grass, asparagus to herbs and peppers. Very versatile and lovely with seafood as well as spicy meals. Constantia and Stellenbosch

Thelema Sauvignon Blanc	Fresh and Crisp. Floral nose follows through on the palate.	150
Buitenverwachting Sauvignon Blanc	Bouquet of green figs with hints of gooseberries.	165
Springfield Special Cuvee	Combination of passion fruit and flintiness with stylish length.	175
Vergelegen Sauvignon Blanc	Full bodied and intensely flavoured.	180
Tokara Elgin Sauvignon Blanc	Intense aromas of nettles, quince, cape gooseberries and ripe guavas	185
Iona Sauvignon Blanc	Exotic green fruit flavours, with prominent chalk and minerals.	215

Other Cultivars

Simonsig Gewurztraminer	Seductive silk-textured sweetness, good length.	125
Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc	Stylistically off-dry and lightly oaked with a hint of nutmeg and clove	135
Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	Fruit driven with intense flavours and a dry firm finish.	165
Ken Forester "FMC"	Complex, full palate wine showing flavours of vanilla and honey	550

Red Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is undoubtedly at the top of the noble cultivars. It is the most widely grown red grape variety in South Africa. Flavours range from blackcurrants to peppers and chocolate. The importance here is the maturation process as the quality of the Cabernet improves with ageing.

Le Bonheur Cabernet	Vanilla oak, lead pencil shavings, pine needles flavours.	195
Fleur du Cap Cabernet Unfiltered	Complex bouquet packed with cherry and wood spices	235
Waterford Cabernet	Notes of graphite and lead pencil shavings.	280
Vergelegen Cabernet	Nose reveals blackcurrant, spice, and ripe plum notes.	345
Thelema Cabernet	Blackcurrant and mint-chocolate flavours, in toasty oak.	375
Boekenhoutskloof Cabernet	Classical cassis and blackcurrent flavours with an amazing graphite profile	485
Kanonkop Cabernet	Berry flavours, complimented with balanced wood flavours.	525
Rustenberg Peter Barlow Cabernet	Aromas of cassis & black cherries leaving a palate that is very concentrated	595

Merlot

This cultivar is more accessible at an earlier age than Cabernet, producing softness and a rich fruitiness which is probably why it has become so fashionable.

Overgaauw Merlot	Soft with cherry & raspberry aromas, a chocolatey finish.	195
Rust en Vrede Merlot	A rich bouquet of mocha, berries, chocolate & spice with a hint of vanilla	275
Meerlust Merlot	Full on the palate with fine tannins and an excellent balance.	395
Durbanville Hills Luiperdsberg Merlot	Mulberry and prune flavours, ending in oak spice and vanilla.	455

Pinotage

This is unique to South Africa and is a cross between Hermitage and Pinot Noir. The styles vary from fruity to well oak matured. This wine is a splendid companion to spicy meals. We recommend to have it chilled during the summer months.

Beyerskloof Reserve Pinotage	Intense black berry & purple fruit flavours with cedar flavours of french oak	205
Southern Right Pinotage	Complex darkberry fruit, with beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice	280
Kanonkop Pinotage	Full bodied with complex oak, black and red berry flavours.	495

Pinot Noir

Origin France, Burgundy region, strong on berry flavours with a good lingering finish, usually wood matured but a notoriously difficult cultivar to grow and produce. South Africa produces top quality Pinot Noirs and again we recommend it chilled.

Haute Cabriere Pinot Noir	Fresh mouth filling cherry & red berry fruit with savoury & mineral oak tannins	265
Meerlust Pinot Noir	Perfect ripe Pinot noir fruit with a hint of savoury earthiness	345
Bouchard Finlayson Pinot Noir	Multi-dimensional with a fruity cassis nose.	480
Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir	Tight knit palate with spicy fruit, oak and lots of acidity.	515

Shiraz

Ideal cultivar for the warmer climate so obviously successful in South Africa. Near the coast the wine yields a well coloured medium to full bodied wine with a typical smoky, leathery, spicy character. More inland it gains a high concentration of colour and acidity with sometimes eucalyptus and minty flavours. Shiraz in France is known as Syrah.

Guardian Peak Shiraz	Cherry flavours on palate with hints of smoked ham and pepper.	135
Allesverloren Shiraz	Full-bodied with a smokey, scented bouquet and fruit concentration.	190
Kevin Arnold Shiraz	Spice and mocha characters with beautifully soft and velvety tannins	300
Boekenhoutskloof Syrah	Powerful & complex wine with mineral & red fruit flavour	485

Red Blends

The art of blended wines adds more complexity to the final flavour. Bordeaux blends are a traditional blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot.

Neil Ellis	Youthful palate with plummy like fruit. Cab/Merlot	200
Rupert & Rothschild Classique	Blueberry aromas with hints of white pepper, coffee bean. Cab/Merlot/Pinotage	205
Boekenhoutskloof Chocolate Block	Spicy dark chocolate & berry compliment a rich palate with smooth tannins	320
Meerlust Rubicon	Spicy tobacco and cigar box bouquet. Firm tannins and youthful palate. Bordeaux	485
Rupert & Rothschild Baron Edmond	Blackcurrant, white pepper and cinnamon aromas. Bordeaux	550
Kanonkop " Paul Sauer"	Spice, nutty, berry & cassis flavours. Bordeaux	695
Ernie Els "Ernie Els Red Blend"	Fruit tannins which offers middle palate complexity, nutty finish. Bordeaux.	1125
Vergelegen V	Aromas of black currant, cedar wood, cigar box. Bordeaux.	1395
Waterford Jem	Combination of fruit & spice on aroma with elegantly layered tannins.	1495