



# Caraffa

*Carta dei Vini*  
Wine List - Wynlys

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## RISTORANTE DI FAMIGLIA

Welcome to the Caraffa wine list. Every wine selected for Caraffa's collection has been chosen personally by Enrico, Michaela & Byron for your enjoyment. Our focus is to offer a variety of the best wines from South Africa's wineries as well as a choice of wines from international vintners. In this way, we cater for a wide range of tastes, from the more adventurous to the most discerning palates. Our exclusive selection covers many wine regions and varieties to ensure that your choice of wine will enhance the flavours of your dish to create a blissful dining experience. Please do not hesitate to approach us to recommend a wine as we have carefully tasted through all these wines to ensure we have the perfect collection.

## WINE AND FOOD PAIRING

Taste differs from person to person and your personal taste experience depends on your choice of wine and food combinations. Pairing the best wine with a particular dish enhances the dining experience, simply because the flavours complement each other. Although pairing wine with your meal is a personal decision, a few general ideas could help you make the best selection. Sparkling wines pair well with appetizers, white wines with salads, fish and lighter dishes and red wines complement meat and heavier dishes. As the finale to your meal, a good dessert wine is the perfect companion for any of our delicious desserts.

## JUST A GLASS!

We have selected a variety of wines by the carafe. Keeping in mind our diverse customers we tried making a selection that will suit almost everyone's taste. So we've got you covered whether you just like mixing things up or your approach to wine is one of moderation. Please see our selection of wines by the carafe on page 2 and also look out for the "🍷" symbol by the wines that are served by the carafe throughout the wine list.



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## WHITE WINES BY THE CARAFE

|  | 250ml |
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## ROSÉ WINES BY THE CARAFE

|   | 250ml |
|---|-------|
| <b>Theuniskraal</b> , Moscato Rosé, Tulbagh, Semi Sweet | 60    |
| <b>Durbanville Hills</b> , Merlot Rosé, Cape Town       | 65    |

## RED WINES BY THE CARAFE

|   | 250ml |
|---|-------|
| <b>Durbanville Hills</b> , Merlot, Durbanville, Cape Town     | 70    |
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## SPARKLING WINES BY THE GLASS

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| <b>Valdo</b> , Prosecco DOC, Extra Dry, Valdobbiadene, Italy | 80 |
| <b>L'Ormarins</b> , Brut Rosé MCC, Western Cape              | 75 |

## DESSERT WINE BY THE GLASS

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|---|------------|
| <b>Iona</b> , Noble Late Harvest, Elgin | 75ml<br>75 |
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## LOW ALCOHOL & NON ALCOHOLIC WINES

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# WINES OF ITALY

Italy's glowing reputation as producers of quality wine is based mostly on the fact that it is the country that produces and exports more than any other and that it offers the greatest variety of types, covering nearly every colour, flavour and style imaginable. Additionally, leading wine producers in many parts of the country have kept their emphasis firmly on traditional vines. The authentic treasures of their ancient land are enhanced in modern wines creating aromas and flavours that cannot be experienced anywhere else. Exploring the unique wines of Italy is an endless taste adventure. Our range of Italian wines pair well with true Italian dishes like pasta, pizza and fish. *La Dolce Vita!*

## ITALIAN WHITE WINES

750ml

**Fontana Candida**, Frascati Bernini, Latium, Italy **380**

*Malvasia Bianca di Candia, Trebbiano Toscano, Malvasia del Lazio*

Fontana Candida Frascati has a bright, pale straw colour; delicate fragrance of wild flowers and fruit, especially hawthorn and Golden Delicious apples. Dry flavour, soft and fruity. Fresh lively character. Elegant, mildly aromatic aftertaste of almonds.

**Tenuta Aquilaia**, Vermentino Maremma Toscana, Tuscany, Italy **475**

*Vermentino*

Nectarine, litchi, pomegranate and greengage notes. Flavours of pine nut and asparagus all expressed on a canvass of flinty petrichor and elegant acids.

**Zaccagnini**, Pinot Grigio, Abruzzo, Italy **495**

*Pinot Grigio*

This Pinot Grigio has a pale yellow colour with green nuances; very delicate bouquet, fragrant, aromatic, very fresh and well-balanced with typical nuances of fruit rinds, orange peel and pear skins.

## ITALIAN RED WINES

750ml

**Renzo Masi**, Chianti Riserva, Tuscany, Italy **420**

*Sangiovese, Canaiolo*

The nose offers supple fragrances of almonds and violets. The wine is crisp and dry in the mouth, well structured, with a lovely, velvety texture.

**Domini Veneti**, Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Veneto, Italy **515**

*Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella*

Bright ruby red. Intense and persistent, with fruity aromas of cherry and plum, floral notes of violets and a touch of spiciness from black pepper. Fresh and fruity, with a poised balance between structure and body on the palate, with a harmonious finish brought about by perfect acidity and elegant tannins on the palate.

**Zaccagnini**, Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, Italy **525**

*Montepulciano d'Abruzzo*

Intense deep violet. Aromas of plums and ripe blackberry. On the palate, it shows clear breed: each sip delivers a mouthful of ripe berries, leather and black pepper with subtle hints of oregano, dried herbs, and a touch of vanilla. It is full-bodied and robust, with a perfect integration of tannins and wood, all leading to a dry, supple finish.

**Fontanafredda**, Dolcetto Briccotondo, Piedmont, Italy **560**

*Dolcetto*

The colour is a clear, ruby-red wine with violet highlights. Its vinous bouquet is fruity, very intense and rather attractive and persistent. Nicely dry, well-balanced and velvety, with clear flavours of black cherry and liquorice, subtle overtones of prune and black pepper and a pleasant, light aftertaste of almonds.

**Ca' Bianca Barolo**, Piedmont, Italy **1250**

*Nebbiolo*

Garnet, tending towards dark blue; elegant and ethereal bouquet of vanilla, wild cherries, cloves, dried wild rose petals and clean woodland undergrowth; traces of leather can also be detected. On the palate, soft tannins, juicy, with ripe sweetness extending through the finish. Shows fine harmony and length, ending with an elegant aftertaste of liquorice.

## ITALIAN SPARKLING WINES

750ml

**Chiarli**, Dell'emilia Amabile, Emilia Romagna, Italy **245**

Ruby red colour with a nice and inviting rosé froth. A pleasant and youthful acidity, the taste is clean and smooth with a nice sweet and fruity nose.

**Valdo**, Prosecco DOC, Extra Dry, Valdobbiadene, Italy **385** 🍷

Light straw yellow in colour with greenish reflections. Fruity bouquet of ripe apples, and acacia flowers. Fruity with a bright, refreshing and zesty finish.

**Ferrari Brut**, Trento, Trentino, Italy **715**

Harmonious and well-balanced, with a faint suggestion of ripe fruit and attractive hints of crusty bread.

**Ferrari Rosé**, Trento, Trentino, Italy **905**

Fresh and fruity, with a touch of mellowness: the flavour of sweet almonds is supported by an acidulous vein that is extraordinarily appealing.

# WINES OF THE WORLD

No time for a wine vacation? Maybe you want to broaden your wine horizons or just stop getting confused every time you stare at the store shelf trying to pick the perfect bottle of wine. We have gathered a few, well-priced gems to give you some insight of what other countries are doing.

**Kia Ora, Sauvignon blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand** **450**  
Intensely perfumed, this zesty and fresh Marlborough Sauvignon blanc is a perfect introduction to the famed style of the region.

**Domaine du Margalleau, Vouvray, Val de Loire, France** **465**  
**Chenin blanc**  
fresh and mineral delight in youth. Citrus, grapefruit, apple blossom, flinty aromas lead on to flavours of lemons and limes, green apple and onto a lingering flinty minerality in a seductive finish.

**Trapiche Oak Cask, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina** **515**  
Purple hues, the nose offers up "pain grille", mineral overtones, plums and black cherry notes with a touch of black pepper. The palate is soft and round, with ripe, saturated berry flavours. Trapiche Malbec Oak Cask finishes spicy and full, with chewy, ripe tannins.

**Marquis de Mons, Margaux, Bordeaux Left Bank, France** **795**  
**Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot**  
This crimson coloured wine shows aromas of strawberry, raspberry and violet on the nose. The palate, full and rounded, reveals a remarkable balance, supported by good acidity which gives it freshness. And indulgent wine, easy to drink, characterized by its good balance.

## CHAMPAGNE

"I only drink champagne when I'm happy, and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I am not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it—unless I'm thirsty." - *Lily Bollinger*

**Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Brut Reims, France** **1600** **900**  
*750ml 375ml*  
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label manages to reconcile two opposing factors - strength and silkiness - and to hold them in perfect balance with aromatic intensity and a lot of freshness. This consistent power to please makes it ideal as an aperitif, and perfect as the Champagne to enjoy with a meal.

**Mumm Rosé, Brut, France** **1650**  
The power and structure of Pinot Noir is delicately balanced with the elegance of Chardonnay and the fruitiness of Meunier. A portion of red wine brings intensity and notes of forest fruits and spice to this elegant blend to create a brut rosé champagne that is at once light, intense, and fresh.

**Moët & Chandon Nectar Impérial, Demi-Sec, France** **1650**  
Lively and generous Nectar Impérial distinguishes itself by its tropical fruitiness, its richness on the palate and its crisp finish, that instantly surprise and delight.

**Bollinger Special Cuvee, Brut, France** **1850**  
A subtle combination of structure, length and vivacity; bubbles like velvet; pear, brioche and spicy aromas, notes of fresh walnut combination of structure, length and vivacity; bubbles like velvet; pear, brioche and spicy aromas, notes of fresh walnut.

**Dom Perignon Blanc, 2010, France** **6000**  
The luminous sweetness of tropical fruit - green mango, melon, pineapple - instantly shines. It then cedes to more temperate notes, the tingle of orange zest, the mist of a mandarin orange. The wine breathes, revealing its freshness. The bloom after the rain. A tactile sensation of peony, jasmine and lilac. The wine immediately imposes its ample presence, full and massive. A sappy sensation dominates as the tactile is rapidly overtaken by the aromatic. The body unfolds: generous, firm and controlled. Then it contracts, letting the wine vibrate with spices and pepper. The energy is sustained to a scintillating, saline finish.

## CAP CLASSIQUE

The South African answer to Champagne. Cap Classique or CC refers to a sparkling wine which has undergone a second fermentation process in the bottle in which it is sold.

- 750ml*
- L'Ormarins, Brut Rosé, Western Cape** **350** 🍷  
Attractive interplay of raspberry and cherry with briny, oyster shell aromas. Salmon pink hue with a delicate pearl of bubbles.
- Pongrácz, Brut, Western Cape** **350**  
Crisp green apple notes with a touch of yeast aromas on the nose. Flavours of toast and ripe fruit on the palate with a foamy mouth feel and long aftertaste.
- Pongrácz, Rosé, Western Cape** **350**  
Salmon pink hue. Delicate strawberry tones with hints of baked bread. Seductive entry, with a red fruit mouth feel and lingering fruity finish.
- Graham Beck, Blanc de Blancs Vintage, Robertson** **715**  
Bright lime green colour with rich aromas of fresh limes, green apples, pears and lemon zest on the nose. Delicately balanced flavours of succulent citrus, brioche and spice combines with yeasty complexity, broadening the palate with layered textures and leading to a long finish.

## OTHER SPARKLING WINES

- 750ml*
- Stellenrust, Chenin Blanc Spumante Magnifico Brut NV, Stellenbosch** **205**  
A wine for any celebratory occasion. It is made in the 'Prosecco' - style - with 2nd fermentation in the tank.
- Chiarli, Lambrusco Dell'Emilia Amabile, Il Mio, Emilia Romagna, Italy** **245**  
Ruby red colour with a nice and inviting rosé froth. With a pleasant and youthful acidity, the taste is clean and smooth with a nice sweet and fruity nose.
- Valdo, Prosecco DOC, Extra Dry, Valdobbiadene, Italy** **385** 🍷  
Light straw yellow in colour with greenish reflections. The bouquet shows delicate notes of ripe apples and acacia flowers. The palate is fruity with a bright, refreshing and zesty finish.
- Ferrari Brut, Trento, Trentino, Italy** **715**  
Harmonious and well-balanced, with a faint suggestion of ripe fruit and attractive hints of crusty bread.
- Ferrari Rosé, Trento, Trentino, Italy** **905**  
Fresh and fruity, with a touch of mellowness: the flavour of sweet almonds is supported by an acidulous vein that is extraordinarily appealing.

## DESSERT WINES

- 350ml*
- Iona, Noble Late Harvest, Elgin** **375** 🍷  
Elegant, delicate tropical fruits with a balanced, slightly sweet palate and refreshing acidity.
- Paul Wallace The Nix, Noble Late Harvest, Elgin** **425**  
It flaunts layers of dense apricot and tangerine fruits, with a hint of almond and star anise. An invigorating fruity acid adds backbone and structure to this third release of the Paul Wallace "The Nix" Noble Late Harvest.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

South Africa's most popular white grape variety, fresh and crisp Sauvignon blanc is very rarely oaked, making it an easy-drinking option. Widely speaking, there are two styles of Sauvignon blanc – the greener, grassier style with aromas of asparagus and green pepper, and a tropical-fruit style with hints of guava and granadilla.

### **Durbanville Hills, Durbanville, Cape Town**

Citrus, passion fruit, gooseberries, guava with a hint of herbaceous notes. Medium-bodied wine with a mix bowl of tropical fruit flavours, citrus and ends with a sweet fruity sensation.

750ml

195 

### **Bouchard Finlayson, Walker Bay**

Our mature vineyards are planted on heavy shale clay soils, and with their location less than five kilometers from the Indian Ocean, the cool maritime terroir is ideal for crafting expressions of Sauvignon blancs defined by minerality, freshness and complexity.

230 

### **Ataraxia, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape Coast**

This wine flavours individuality and signature cool-climate minerality ahead of pure, pungent fruit, but still exhibits a majestic melange of tropical fruits, granadilla and pink grapefruit aromas with just a hint of ripe gooseberries. These are effortlessly reflected on the palate and are complemented by a lively acidity which underpins a classy structure and texture. A wine of substantial poise, length and charm.

295

### **Springfield Life from Stone, Robertson**

Life from Stone derives its name from the incredibly rocky soils in which it is grown. Every year the vineyard battles against nature in order to produce highly concentrated, powerful wines with a flinty, mineral character true to the quartz rock in which it is grown.

300

### **Tokara, Reserve, Elgin**

The wine displays a light straw colour with brilliant green edge. Aromas of green apple and lime juice, gooseberry and blackcurrent. Freshness on the palate and green apple flavours.

360

### **Diemersdal, Winter Ferment, Cape Town**

A new world style of Sauvignon blanc. The wine has intense aromas of gooseberries, tropical fruit and sweet-grapefruit with a core of minerality.

395

## CHENIN BLANC *A.K.A. Steen*

Up there, with the world's finest. It's a little known fact, but a fact all the same, that South African Chenin blanc wines are among the world's finest. The most widest planted variety in South Africa, producing an arsenal of different styles of wine.

### **Leeuwenkuil, Swartland**

A refined and racy offering with vibrant aromas of green apple and tropical fruit. Its good minerality leads to a wonderfully fresh finish.

750ml

195

### **Alvi's Drift 221, Western Cape**

This is a lightly oaked Chenin blanc that has beautiful flavours of ripe white peach, stewed apple and a hint of honey blossom, finishing with a fresh acidity.

220 

### **Mullineux Kloof Street, Swartland**

Pale straw in colour, this wine has a nose of sun ripened pears and wet granite. The wine has a fresh mineral finish.

250

### **Ken Forrester, Old Vine Reserve, Stellenbosch**

Golden hued and full bodied, with melon and spicy baked apple aromas. Balance is achieved between fruit and delicate vanilla flavours.

305

# CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay is the most popular white wine on earth and, more recently, it has also become the most divisive. Travel to any wine region in the world, and you'll find at least one vineyard growing Chardonnay. It's a wine that can be simple or regal, aged for many years or consumed immediately. The Chardonnays from South Africa range from steely wines with a clean, citrusy focus to heavily oaked ones with a rich, buttery consistency.

## UNWOODED

750ml

### **Vriesenhof, Stellenbosch**

220 

Creamy and refreshing- this light style white wine is great to quaff, but equally great with a meal.

### **Springfield, Wild Yeast, Robertson**

365

Wild Yeast Chardonnay is fermented using the native, wild yeasts that occur naturally on the skins of the grapes. This unwooded Chardonnay presents itself with tropical fruit aromas that reveal notes of ripe pineapple and pear on the palate.

## WOODED

### **La Bri, Franschhoek**

355

Clean and precise, this wine embraces the fresh flavours of young pineapple, peaches and creamy lemon with the nuttiness of freshly baked biscuits all offset against a backdrop of a crisp apple palate. Aged in French oak for 10 months.

### **Jordan, Barrel Fermented, Stellenbosch**

475

A variety of chardonnay clones planted on different slopes, harvested at different ripening levels and all of it fermented and matured in French oak barrels. These practices help to achieve natural balance and allows for different textural components which we then blend to achieve finesse and complexity. Bold and graceful with fragrances of lemon biscuit and overripe oranges.

### **Creation, The Glen, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape South Coast**

800

Only 600 bottles produced. Produced by Glen Martin - 4th generation winemaker (when qualified) in the Martin & Finlayson family. Wild yeast fermentation with classic Burgundian struck match notes, wonderful poise & complexity. Savoury depths, and a taunt, saline finish.

# OTHER WHITE VARIETALS

There are too many different varietals to even list. Here is our collection of the best of unique varietals made by passion across the wine producing areas of South Africa. Each wine is truly different from what you know.

750ml

### **Terra Del Capo, Pinot Grigio, Western Cape**

190

Tangy, light and zesty, the mouthful is fresh and succulent. Lightweight and easy to enjoy. Pleasantly dry to the end.

### **Alvi's Drift, Viognier, Western Cape**

180

A wine that boasts intense aromas of apricot, with hints of rose petal. With lingering flavours of apricot and sundrenched peach.

### **Oak Valley, Stone & Steel, Riesling, Elgin**

220

A wine grown high up on the foothills of the Groenlandberg in the cool climate of Elgin grown in stony soils and fermented in stainless steel resulting in a stunning tropical, mineral fruit bomb.

### **Cederberg, Bukkettraube, Cederberg**

240 

A floral Bukkettraube with notes of chamomile and white blossom aromas. Hints of apricot and honey dew follows through on the palate. Semi-sweet that leads to a creamy finish.

## WHITE BLENDS

South African wineries are the most innovative when it comes to white blends. It is also where our vineyards are earning the highest international acclaim. These wines have a high average rating of perceived quality, they have the ability to age and often show the terroir. Winemakers can create distinctive blends using the diversity of the viticulture of the Western Cape. Expect Bordeaux-style blends of Sauvignon blanc and Sémillon or Mediterranean-style blends with Viognier, white Grenache, Roussanne, Marsanne and very old Chenin vines.

### **Jordan Chameleon White, Stellenbosch**

*Sauvignon blanc, Chardonnay*

Showcasing the broad fruit spectrum found in the Winelands, initial forward Cape green fig flavours follows through to a layered palate of ruby grapefruit and winter melon glacé.

### **Bouchard Finlayson, Blanc de Mere, Cape South Coast**

*Weisser Riesling, Viognier, Chardonnay*

A blend of Weisser Riesling, Viognier and Chardonnay. Delicate peach and floral flavours are in perfect harmony with citrus-infused waxy fullness. The wine flows easily from a bright and clean entry to the long, tangy finish. Invigorating acidity gives structure to well-rounded mid-palate.

### **Creation, Blend, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape South Coast**

*Viognier, Roussanne*

Fun with finesse. A finely nuanced wine, artfully blended to offer vivacity as well as elegance and finesse.

750ml

180 🍷

195

355

## ROSÉ

This wine with its pink hue is not only appealing on the eye, but is normally quite light and very refreshing. The pink colour comes from the limited amount of skin contact in the wine making process, dry Rosé/Blanc de Noirs pair with Carpaccio, whereas the off-dry, sweeter wines pair well with lightly-spiced dishes.

### **Theuniskraal, Moscato Rosé, Tulbagh**

Brilliant rosy pink. Aromas of candy floss and strawberries with a floral background. Fresh and crisp on the palate with a complexity of fruit flavours and a lingering aftertaste.

### **Durbanville Hills, Merlot Rosé, Durbanville, Cape Town**

Grapefruit colour. Nose of raspberries and strawberry dusted with rose petals. Refreshing and light-bodied dry wine with an abundance of fresh summer berries on the palate and berry compote.

### **La Brune 'The Valley', Pinot Noir Rosé, Elgin**

Fresh strawberries and rose petals with a clean dry, crisp red fruit.

750ml

170 🍷

185 🍷

265

# MERLOT

A soft fruit with gentle tannins creates a very popular varietal. Once barrel fermented or aged, a Merlot can become a more serious wine with vanilla and spice flavours. Merlot pairs well with the Springbok Carpaccio or Rack of Lamb.

750ml

## **Durbanville Hills, Durbanville, Cape Town**

**205** 

A medium bodied Merlot accentuated by flavours of soft sweet red and dark fruit, rounded off with silky tannins and a full mouth feel.

## **L'Avenir Provenance, Stellenbosch**

**245**

An elegant and soft expression of Stellenbosch Merlot. The L'Avenir Provenance Merlot is medium-bodied, exhibiting with delicate flavours of raspberries, cherries and a touch of dark chocolate.

## **La Bri, Franschhoek**

**345**

The nose is a complex mix of fresh cherries, nutmeg and cedar oak. A juicy fresh yummy palate with soft integrated tannins.

## **Jordan Black Magic, Stellenbosch**

**415**

Part whole-berry fermentation and softer pump-overs extract aromas of red plums and dark bitter chocolate. French oak maturation seasons the wine to accentuate the seductive flavours and generous velvety tannins.

## **Creation, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape South Coast**

**475**

On the palate, rewarding dark chocolate and mocha combine with generous ripe berry flavours, supported by the firm structure derived from judicious oak maturation.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

South African Cabernet Sauvignon shows classical characteristics of blackcurrant, lead pencil and firm tannins, flavours that blend well to make for a full bodied wine. For a wonderful combination, pair a Cabernet Sauvignon with red meat.

750ml

## **Porcupine Ridge, Coastal Region**

**180** 

The nose is complex and dense showing ample black fruit and a classic lead pencil and Herbes de Provence character. The intense, dark berry aromas and garrigue notes of the nose follow through onto a mid-palate which is broody and sophisticated, yet exceptionally structured with chalky tannins and integrated acidity. Hints of graphite, sage, tobacco and fennel seed linger on a smooth, vibrant finish.

## **Nederburg, Western Cape**

**225**

A rich and full-bodied wine with ripe fruit, cherry and delicate oak spice flavours, velvety tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

## **Tokara, Stellenbosch**

**295**

This wine has a beautiful garnet colour. Berry aromas, red currant and blueberries on the nose. Palate is packed with sweet berry fruit, dark chocolate with hints of dried herbs on the finish.

## **Lanzerac, Stellenbosch,**

**455**

This classic Cabernet shows inviting flavours of blackberry and young berry with hints of cocoa, almond and cedar. A full-bodied wine with excellent balance on the palate and a smooth lingering aftertaste.

## **La Bri, Limited Release, Stellenbosch**

**575**

This Limited Release Cabernet is only made in exceptional years. 2009 (5 star), 2012 (90 points), 2015 (93 points). Only 1433 bottles of this current vintage were produced.

## **Boekenhoutskloof, Stellenbosch**

**795**

The abundant red and blackberry fruit of the nose follows through with spicy notes of nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves, with hints of molasses, espresso and fine cocoa adding to the complexity of a layered, generous, powerful palate. The medium-bodied mid-palate is structured and concentrated, yet supple, elegant and lithe with its abundance of pure, lush, poised fruit, balanced with mouthwatering, bright acidity and ultra-fine, polished tannins.

## SHIRAZ / SYRAH

Shiraz or Syrah with its inherent spiciness and combinations of smokiness and red summer berries make for a well-rounded, very enjoyable red wine. Hints of leather and fynbos linger in the glass. Enjoy this wine with oxtail or Caraffa's famous fillet gorgonzola.

### Jordan Chameleon, Syrah, Stellenbosch

A complex flavour spectrum of violets, sweet ripe plums and wild scrub with nuances of crushed pepper and bay leaf. Maturation in oak adds a spicy smokiness to the savoury fruitcake finish.

750ml

185 

### Neil Ellis, Syrah, Groenekloof

This is a full bodied Shiraz, with a vibrant colour, which shows balance, elegance and great structure. The nose has bright dark fruit with contributing spicy perfumed aromas from the Cinsaut. The palate is fresh with grippy tannins.

315

### Boschendal, 1685, Shiraz, Coastal Region

Deep black fruit with riper vintage fruit expression with pepper spice. Richness and juiciness with round integrated fruit core and silky ripe tannins. Shows elegant freshness and length with a lingering fruit on the finish.

325

### Gabriëlskloof, Whole Bunch Syrah, Bot River

Dark berries, black olive tapenade, violets and a hint of reduction combining for a vintage that is all about intensity and purity of fruit. As the wine unfurls, the black fruits make way for brighter rhubarb and red plum, as cloves and liquorice add savoury complexity.

365

### Kleinood, Tamboerskloof, Syrah, Stellenbosch

A medium intensity nose, starting with violet flowers and cinnamon spice, evolving into freshly crushed black pepper and red cherry. The wine is youthful yet has a chocolate note showing evolution. The palate is refreshing with a fine grained tannin adding weight to the mid-pallet. A juicy, yet elegant wine.

445

## PINOT NOIR

This grape varietal is known as one of the most volatile grapes, A Pinot Noir is a light 'gentle' red wine that is complex and intense. Always a good pairing with porcini and carbonara pasta.

### La Brune 'The Valley', Elgin

It's all about strawberries and cherries, some citrus notes with a fresh and pure profile. Linear, tight with red fruit and a beautiful soft texture with a long pure finish.

750ml

315 

### Iona, Mr P, Elgin

“Pinot for the people”

Beautiful ripe strawberries, raspberries, cranberries and sweet spice on the nose, with subtle hints of forest floor and wild mushrooms. Fresh with vibrant acidity and a long textured, savoury finish.

350

### Creation, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape South Coast

Delicate whiffs of violet mingle with hints of raspberry and a generous pinch of spice on the nose. A terroir expressive, gorgeously silky wine that rewards with delightful red berry flavours and lithe tannins on the well-balanced palate.

475

### De Grendel Op die Berg, Pinot Noir, Ceres

Light ruby red with pale brown rim. Cranberry, sour cherry, mushroom, wet leaves aromas abound. Medium-bodied palate delivers flavours of liquorice, perfume, spice and earthy mushrooms.

495

### Paul Wallace, The Braveheart, Elgin

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515

# PINOTAGE

Dr Perold of Stellenbosch created a hybrid seed of Pinot Noir and Cinsault, to create the uniquely South African Pinotage.

Pinotage pairs perfectly with Caraffa's pepper fillet, as well as the lamb rump or Osso Buco when available.

750ml

## **L'Avenir, Horizon, Stellenbosch**

200 

A medium bodied, fruity expression of Pinotage, with fresh cherries, raspberries and a touch of sweet spiciness, typical to Pinotage.

## **Rijks, Touch of Oak, Coastal Region**

335

Nose explodes with aromas of cranberry and subtle hints of mulberry and vanilla spice. The lively palate is rich and creamy and finishes with smooth and well-matured tannins. Gentle presence of oak on nose and palate completes this delicious wine.

## **Beyerskloof, Reserve, Stellenbosch**

365

Blackberry and plum flavours upon entry with the light hints of cedar oak aromas from barrel maturation. A wine with excellent balance A long juicy aftertaste.

## **Diemersdal, Reserve, Cape Town**

395

Full bodied with dark berry and plum flavours and well balanced with complex aromas from French Oak barrels.

## OTHER RED VARIETALS

Once again, too many to list. Here you have a selection of our favourite unique red varieties. These varieties are so diverse but we truly believe our selection showcases the best of their respective producing areas.

750ml

## **Idiom Rosso, Sangiovese, Stellenbosch**

265

A lively, medium-bodied red wine with notes of red cherries and perfumed prosciutto. Delicate oaking in used barrels contributes to both fruity and savoury notes continuing on the palate. A delicious drinking wine with good acidity and plenty of potential. A perfect match for antipasto or Italian style meat and pasta dishes.

## **Diemersdal, Malbec, Cape Town**

315

Layers of ripe black fruit and spicy undertones. A complex and concentrated wine with good structure, a mineral core and a juicy finish.

## **Chamonix, Cabernet Franc, Franschhoek**

405

On release the Cabernet Franc shows a light ruby mulberry colour and intense bouquet with scents reminiscent of Dark fruit, red berries, spice and cigar box. A wine of ample structure fills the mouth with concentrated fruit and berry sensations.

## **Miles Mossop Wines, Chapter One, Cinsaut, Swartland**

495

This single vineyard Cinsaut from the Swartland bursts with flavours of red berries and concentrated blackcurrant.

## BORDEAUX-STYLE BLENDS

A blend made up exclusively of varietals grown originally in Bordeaux. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec wines are used in any combination or proportion to produce this most famous style blend. This pairs well with various meat dishes, but especially grilled steaks, oxtail and Caraffa's roasted rack of lamb.

### Gabriëlskloof, The Blend, Bot River

750ml

295 

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot*

Both a complex and balanced vintage with a generosity of fruit led by cherries, plums and black currant alongside cloves, fennel and a hint of cocoa. Puckering tannins add a freshness to the long sumptuous finish.

### Fat Bastard Golden Reserve, Robertson

300

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot*

Luxurious aromas and flavours of dark berry fruit and plum. The palate of the wine is rich and full with silky and lasting finish.

### La Bri Affinity, Franschhoek

385

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot*

A beautiful vibrant plum colour. An exceptionally complex wine with juicy red fruit palate, silky tannins, plums and cherry tobacco on the nose.

### Paul Wallace, The Crackerjack, Elgin

475

*Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec*

An alluring Bordeaux styled blend encompassing 4 of the traditional Bordeaux varieties. Bright, captivating and elegant.

### Vilafonté Seriously Old Dirt, Western Cape

565

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc*

This Cabernet-based blend exudes rich layers of fresh fruit on the nose; black raspberry, ripe strawberry, plum and black currant. Undertones of star anise, nutmeg and fragrant tobacco-leaf add to the hedonistic experience.

## RHÔNE-STYLE BLENDS

Rhône-Style blends usually combine these grape varietals from the Rhone area in France: Syrah (Shiraz), Mourvèdre, Grenache, Viognier and Tannat. These wines are rich on the mid palate with soft tannins, resulting in a softer wine than a Bordeaux blend. Rhône blends pair well with osso buco, and Caraffa's gnocchi quattro formaggi.

### Vriesenhof GSM, Stellenbosch

750ml

225 

*Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre*

Bright fruit with strong aromas of cherries and raspberries, a good structure with white pepper and strawberries on the mid-palate and a lingering savouriness on the finish. Berry confit, strawberry jam and dried cranberries. Opulent with fleshy and sweet fruit.

### Mullineux Kloof Street Rouge, Swartland

290

*Tinta Barocca, Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault, Carignan*

Mediterranean style red blend based on Syrah with other Rhone varieties. Has a perfumed nose of violets, spice and purple fruit. Food friendly palate is textured with a fresh finish.

### Newton Johnson, Full Stop Rock Red, Hemel-en-Aarde

445

*Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre*

Rich and generous with its wild flavour. Brooding black fruits, liquorice and mulberry are laced with black and white pepper, topped with the sweet floral notes of Grenache. Full liquorice flavour, with juicy red fruits in the periphery, and chewy tannins lasting into the finish."

### Luddite Saboteur, Cape South Coast

525

*Shiraz, Mourvèdre, Grenache Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon*

Garnet and Rubi red. The nose gives you spicy, raspberry, floral, fresh red cherries with a touch of strawberry. On the palate you find juicy red fruit on entry with touch of aniseed. Spicy on back pallet with fresh, clean tannin finish. Lingering red fruit on the aftertaste.

## CAPE BLENDS

A unique blend permitted to contain at least 30%, but no more than 70% Pinotage. The balance usually consists of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Shiraz. These wines are typically robust, full-bodied and complex. Pair these blend with any red meat dish and rich earthy sauces.

### Remhoogte Chronicle Cape Blend, Stellenbosch

750ml

275

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Pinotage*

Enjoy Black current, ripe strawberries, red cherries, anise, thyme, cedar and tomato leaf on the nose.

### Alvi's Drift Fusion, Western Cape

345

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Petit Verdot*

A wine with multiple layers on the nose of ripe blackberries, plums, dark chocolate, tobacco, with hints of spice and vanilla.

### Ataraxia Serenity, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape Coast

495

*Cinsault, Pinotage and Pinot Noir*

The Ataraxia Serenity is finely scented, vibrant nose with hints of dark berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spicy notes characterise this wine. Mouth-watering and deeply ripe and polished grape tannins are wrapped in an elegant structure that subtly occupies all corners of ones palate. Assertive, classic and lingering, it reflects the grasp of style and deft hand of its maker.

## OTHER RED BLENDS

Winemakers in our country generally has free reign when it comes to blending. Usually inspired by Spanish, Australian or Italian blends, this category showcases blends from the most Cowboy-like winemakers producing something like no other.

### Alvi's Drift 221 Special Cuvee, Western Cape

750ml

245

*Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Durif, Petit Verdot, Grenache, Viognier.*

A multi layered aromatic wine, reflecting a rich, ripe fruit character of plums and red cherries, with hints of spice and liquorice. Medium to full bodied, well rounded wine with great balance of tannin and fruit. Long lingering and memorable.

### Terra del Capo Arné, Groenekloof

315

*Merlot, Sangiovese*

Red fruit, Christmas cake, spice – nutty, lip-smacking succulence on entry, with lingering juicy red fruit and nutty spice and integrated oak on the palate. Lovely pliable lithe but well-structured body. A supple and succulent wine with a genteel and long finish.

### Babylonstoren Babel, Western Cape

355

*Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Pinotage*

A balanced fusion of dark red berry and chocolate flavours with soft mouthfeel and juicy, lingering finish.

### Boschendal Nicolas, Stellenbosch

405

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Malbec, Cabernet Franc*

On the nose red cherries, fresh plums, mulberries and cassis are complimented by pencil-shavings, dark chocolate and spicy cigar box flavours. The complex and luscious aromas follow though onto the palate confirming the quality. A vibrant wine with smooth tannins, excellent length and timeless elegance.