

Caraffa

Carta dei Vini
Wine List - Wynlys

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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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Neil Ellis, West Coast , Sauvignon Blanc, Cape West Coast	78
Bosman, Generation 8 , Chenin Blanc	70
Fat Bastard , Unwooded Chardonnay, Robertson	85
Cederberg , Bukettraube, Cederberg, Semi-Sweet	78
Jordan, Chameleon , Sauvignon blanc/Chardonnay, Stellenbosch	65

ROSÉ WINES BY THE CARAFE

	250ml
Theuniskraal , Moscato Rosé, Tulbagh, Semi Sweet	60
Durbanville Hills , Merlot Rosé, Cape Town	68

RED WINES BY THE CARAFE

	250ml
Durbanville Hills , Merlot, Durbanville, Cape Town	70
Nederburg , The Winemaster, Cabernet Sauvignon	85
Jordan, Chameleon , Syrah, Stellenbosch	70
Oak Valley, Sound of Silence , Pinot Noir	115
L'Avenir, Horizon , Pinotage, Stellenbosch	70
Old Road Wine Company, The Spotted Hound , Grenache Noir, Carignan, Mourvèdre	85

SPARKLING WINES BY THE GLASS

	150ml
Sartori di Verona Prosecco DOC	80
Boschendal Brut NV MCC	80
Boschendal Brut Rosé NV MCC	80

DESSERT WINE BY THE GLASS

	75ml
Iona , Noble Late Harvest, Elgin	75

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

375ml 750ml

Laurent Perrier Brut, Champagne, France 1490

A pale gold in colour. Fine bubbles feed a persistent mousse. A delicate nose with hints of fresh citrus and white flowers. The wine's complexity is expressed in successive notes such as vine peach and white fruit notes. A perfect balance between freshness and delicacy with fruity flavours very present on the finish.

Lanson Brut, Champagne, France 795 1550

Aromas of warm biscuits, crisp orchard fruit, dried citrus rind and toasted brioche. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied and crisp but fleshy, with the house's non-malo style tempered by a generous core of fruit, concluding with a long, chalky finish.

Moët & Chandon Nectar Impérial, Demi-Sec, Champagne, France 1720

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.

Mumm Rosé, Brut, Champagne, France 1790

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.

Dom Perignon Blanc, Champagne, France 6900

Dom Pérignon is vintage champagne only. Each vintage is a creation, singular and unique, that expresses both the character of the year and the character of Dom Pérignon. All the elements are present with great relevance, revealing the harmony that is so characteristic of Dom Pérignon. The wine is complete, rhythmic and tactile.

CAP CLASSIQUE & SPARKLING WINE

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

Alvi's Drift, Blanc de Blanc, Western Cape 255

100% Chardonnay

This wine boasts a charming, fresh palate with zippy acidity and fresh fruit following through, with the bubbles creating an exciting explosion in the mouth.

Pongrácz, Brut, Western Cape 380

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 380

Salmon pink hue. Delicate strawberry tones with hints of baked bread. Seductive entry, with a red fruit mouth feel and lingering fruity finish.

Boschendal, Brut NV, Coastal region 395 †

Pale gold in colour with a flourish of delicate bubbles, this MCC carries enticing lemon cream and almond Biscotti preceding lovely layers of citrus with a finish appealing in length and freshness. Maturation on the lees provides a well-rounded, creamy mouthfeel with mouthwatering minerality, good balance and a seamless finish.

Boschendal, Brut Rosé NV, Coastal region 395 †

This Brut Rosé captivates with its delicate pale pink colour and intoxicating red fruit aromas which further delight the palate with hints of strawberry, raspberry and cherry flavours.

Steenberg 1682, Chardonnay Cap Classique NV, Breede River Valley 480

Pale lemon colour and a delicate mousse. It exudes freshness and pure fruit on the nose, vibrant notes of Granny Smith apple, candied lemon rind and white peach. It is lively on the palate, displaying finesse and complexity with a crisp acidity. Flavours of lemon cordial, honeyed nectarines, toasted croissant and pistachio are evident on the palate. It has a long, yet refreshing finish.

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

Fantini Calalenta Pecorino DOC, Abruzzo, Italy

425

100% Pecorino

Fantini Calalenta Pecorino has a straw yellow colour with greenish highlights. Aromas of white pulp fruit, especially pears, and balsamic notes reflecting the good quality of the wood.

Tenuta Aquilaia, Vermentino Maremma Toscana, Tuscany, Italy

450

100% 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

420

100% 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, Abruzzo, Italy

495

Sangiovese, Canaiolo

Intense, ruby red colour. Extremely perfumed and aromatic nose, with fresh fruit (cherry and raspberry) and floral flavours. On the palate Renzo Masi Chianti Riserva is smooth and balanced, with medium body and silky texture.

Domini Veneti, Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Tuscany, Italy

505

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, Veneto, Italy

520

100% 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, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy

1450

100% Nebbiolo

Garnet colour, 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

Cantina di Carpi e Sorbara, Lambrusco Amabile di Modena DOP,

305

Emilia-romagna, Italy

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.

Sartori di Verona, Prosecco DOC, Treviso, Italy

395

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 415

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 450

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.

Bodegas Bilbainas Vina Pomal, Rioja Crianza, Spain 550

100% Tempranillo

Vina Pomal Rioja Crianza displays Picota cherry red with violet hues. High aromatic intensity on the nose: field flowers, black fruits and liquorice with hints of vanilla and roasted coffee. It is supple, balanced and fresh on the palate with good structure and soft tannins.

***Please ask your server about off the wine list options.**

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE & SPARKLING WINE

Brampton, Born Free Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 170

Tantalisingly fresh, delicate, and layered with varietal fruit. At less than 0.5% alcohol, experience all the flavour with none of the compromise.

Van Loveren, Almost Zero Red, Western Cape 180

A smooth red with mulberry flavours. Western Cape


J.C. Le Roux, Non-Alcoholic La Fleurette 190

This wine offers a non-alcoholic sparkling alternative with an inviting passion pink colour. Strawberries and plum flavours come alive with a well-balanced freshness and sweetness on the palate.

DESSERT WINES

Iona, Noble Late Harvest, Elgin

75ml 350ml

75 375 

A gift from a wet harvest, it seemed fitting to name this wine after queen Modjadji, considered the most powerful rain queen in Southern Africa. You're welcomed by this character of a noble late harvest wine, complimented by sweet aromas that fill your senses. Delving in, your palate is embraced with flavours of dark chocolate candied orange peels, rounding off to hints of freshly picked forest truffles.

Paul Wallace The Nix, Noble Late Harvest, Elgin 440

It flaunts layers of dense apricot and tangerine fruits, with a hint of almond and star anise. An invigorating fruit 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.

750ml

Durbanville Hills, Durbanville, Cape Town

200 !

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.

Neil Ellis, Cape West Coast

215 !

Tropical flavours of passion fruit & melon abound on the nose and palate followed by a hint of citrus peel & fresh cut grass. A lingering balanced finish of sea salt minerality conjures the wine's coastal origin.

Ataraxia, Hemel-en-Aarde, Cape Coast

315

Our cool-climate, alchemy free unwooded white wine celebrates the the virtue of elegance, vivacity and finesse. Most importantly, the Sauvignon Blanc grape is merely the chosen vehicle to express the freedraining Table Mountain Sandstone and Cape Granite soils on which the vines are planted.

Groote Post, Seasalter, Darling

355

Wonderfully expressive on the nose and the palate with captivating notes of black current, stone fruit and green apple together with hints of fynbos and kelp, sea-breeze and a touch of oak. Rich, layered and long, this subtly powerful blend is intense but not weighty: an elegant well-balanced wine showing typical Darling minerality, vibrant acidity and some leesy complexity before a saline finish.

Tokara, Reserve, Elgin

360

A light straw colour with a brilliant green edge. The nose opens with aromas of passion Fruit and lime juice subtly interplayed with lemongrass and elderflower. There is an amazing freshness as the wine enters the palate, with zesty green apple flavours leading to a creamy mid-palate and a lingering saline finish.

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

Fat Bastard, Robertson

250 !

A characteristic pale green and gold glow of a medium-bodied wine. Expressive tropical fruit aromas intermingle with rich buttery notes and undertones of vanilla. The delicately spiced quality of vanilla is carried through on the palate, along with fragrant notes of acacia flower that present an added layer of complexity. The finish is bright and crisp, ending on an uplifting citrus finish.

Springfield, Wild Yeast, Robertson

375

The Wild Yeast Chardonnay is fermented using the native, wild yeasts that occur naturally on the skins of the grapes. Unwooded, it is fermented in underground cement tanks in a slow, volatile process that can take anywhere between 6 – 9 months

WOODED

La Brune, The Valley, Elgin

355

Fresh, pure and clean, citrus, apples and pears. Linear and tight with a mineral core coated with some beautiful Elgin fruit ending in a long clean finish.

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.

Newton Johnson Family Vineyards, Hemel-en-Aarde

800

Lucid ripe citrus and white peach are inured with ornate spices and lime zest. The fleshiness of the wine is counter balanced with mineral tones and gunflint. The brittle crunch in the structure hems in the lush texture, with an elongated thread of acidity resonating in the finish.

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.

750ml

Bosman, Generation 8, Wellington

205 

It has delicate nuances of pear and peach are balanced on the palate with a dry lingering finish. Medium to full-bodied style with a long, clean, aftertaste.

Alvi's Drift 221, Western Cape

225

This sparkling bright wine boasts intense, forthcoming aromas of tropical fruit, nectarine and blossom honey, with subtle notes of vanilla.

Mullineux Kloof Street, Swartland

285

Pale straw in colour, this wine has a nose of sun ripened pears and wet granite. The palate has a vibrant acidity balanced by a soft, round texture and some pithy character. The wine has a fresh, mineral finish.

OTHER WHITE VARIETALS

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

750ml

Alvi's Drift, Viognier, Western Cape

185

This wine boasts intense forthcoming aromas of ripe yellow peach, stewed apple and hints of jasmine and spice. It boasts a medium-bodied palate with well-balanced structure.

Terra Del Capo, Pinot Grigio, Western Cape

205

Light yet appealing subtle lemon leaf nuance to a bouquet of stonefruit and nectarine. Vivacious and lively palate which offers up vivid nectarine flavour along with a tangy yet crisp citrus element. Refreshing and succulent with good body and length.

Cederberg, Bukkettraube, Cederberg

235 

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.

Jordan, The Real McCoy, Riesling, Stellenbosch

320

The German clone grapes were vinified and once the perfect balance between sugar and acidity was reached, the fermentation was stopped to retain a hint of natural fruit sugars. Intense flavours of lime through to white peach and Granny Smith apple.

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.

750ml

Jordan, Chameleon White, Stellenbosch

190 

Sauvignon blanc, Chardonnay

Its chameleon-like character adapts to any drinking experience, from summer sipping to Alfresco dining. Showcasing the broad fruit spectrum found in the Winelands, initial forward Cape green fig flavours follow through to a layered palate of ruby grapefruit and winter melon glacé.

Bouchard Finlayson, Blanc de Mere, Cape South Coast

215

Weisser Riesling, Viognier, 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.



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.

750ml

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.

180 🍷

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.

200

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

An elegant, dry wine of sophisticated salmon colour and delicious hints of raspberries and rose petals.

295

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

190

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, Winemasters, Western Cape

245 🍷

Classically refined, the wine is approachable in its generous abundance of ripe dark berries. Layers of flavoursome cedar and cigar box notes, light brushes of spice and roasted nuts and a hint of the carpenter's workshop in a touch of oakiness.

Tokara, Stellenbosch

320

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.

La Bri, Limited Release, Stellenbosch

625

Our La Bri Cabernet 2018. A limited volume wine only made in exceptional years from the oldest red block in La Bri. It has a powerful structure but pliant velvety texture. Voluptuous black cherry and currant fruit with tobacco and pencil shaving complexity.

Neil Ellis, Jonkershoek Valley

815

The wine spent 18 months in first fill French oak barrels. A pretty but subtle nose of blue and blackberries as well as typical cedar aromas from the Jonkershoek Valley. The palate is fresh, followed by a well defined tannin structure.

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.

Jordan Black Magic, Stellenbosch

455

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

520

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

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.

750ml

Jordan Chameleon, Syrah, Stellenbosch

210

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.

Neil Ellis, Syrah, Groenekloof

315

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.

Boschendal, 1685, Shiraz, Coastal Region

345

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.

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.

Oak Valley, Sound of Silence, Elgin

750ml

340

The nose reveals an abundance of floral notes, characteristic of this vintage, with some dry rose petal. Greener, earthy notes of beetroot and soil emerges next next. The palate is very fresh and juicy with dry strawberry, sour cherry, grapefruit and cranberry with a lengthy, crunchy finish.

La Brune 'The Valley', Elgin

375

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.

Paul Wallace, The Braveheart, Elgin

505

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.

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.

L'Avenir, Horizon, Stellenbosch

750ml

210

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

355

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

380

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.

OTHER RED VARIETALS

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

Diemersdal, Malbec, Cape Town

750ml

325

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

Morgenster, Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch

335

Complex and smooth, offering rich fruit flavours and fine tannins. Classic Cabernet Franc typicity is evident with the concentrated fruit and cinnamon spice, with an intriguing character of earthiness and cloves with a slight liquorice finish.

Steenberg, Nebbiolo, Stellenbosch

565

On appearance, this wine is ruby red with a typically clear yet bright hue. The bouquet displays primary notes of fresh strawberry coulis, dried cranberry along with some truffle, leather and red cherry. The wine displays the natural tart acidity and grippy tannins of Nebbiolo on the palate, although with a well-rounded and fuller mouth-feel than can sometimes be the case with this varietal. Flavours of sour cherry, raspberry and tobacco leaf linger to give the wine brilliant length and persistence.

RED BLENDS

“Winemakers in our country generally have free reign when it comes to blending. Usually inspired by the French Bordeaux- and Rhone-style blends they deliver some of our best wines boasting complexity, character and showcasing our fine winemakers’ skills and knowledge. Cape blends have also become a firm favourite amongst local wine connoisseurs. The other blends are often more adventurous and inspired by the Spanish, Australian and Italian blends. They showcase the wines produced by the more daring and bold winemakers and deliver some real gems.”

750ml

Old Road Wine Company, The Spotted Hound, Paarl **250** †

Grenache Noir, Carignan, Mourvèdre

Deep ruby with a bright crimson rim. An entry of alluring black and red berry and cherry aromas layered with dark chocolate, winter spice, rose and violet on the nose carried through to an intricate intensely. Fruited palate that is both powerful and graceful.

Alvi's Drift, 221 Special Cuvee, Western Cape **260**

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

This perfumed wine has forthcoming aromas of white pepper, mulberry, prunes, and liquorice on the nose; with hints of cinnamon, this perfumed wine has forthcoming aromas of white pepper, mulberry, prunes, and liquorice on the nose; with hints of cinnamon, cloves and cardamom lingering in the background.

Beyerskloof, Synergy, Stellenbosch **295**

Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Cinsaut, Pinot Noir

Fresh dark fruit and spicy aromas upon entry. A well-balanced wine with soft round tannins and a pleasant finish.

Mullineux, Kloof Street Rouge, Swartland **320**

Tinta Barocca, Syrah, Grenache, Cinsaut, 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.

Fat Bastard, Golden Reserve, Robertson **325**

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

The wine has intense, dark ruby colour. Luxurious aromas and flavours of dark berry fruit and plum entice the senses. The palate of the wine is rich and full with silky and lasting finish.

Alvi's Drift, Fusion, Western Cape **350**

Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Durif, Petit Verdot

A sumptuous, complex Cape blend with intense aromas of blackberry, plum and cassis, with hints of mint, spice and vanilla.

Boschendal, Nicolas, Cape Coast **430**

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.

Newton Johnson, Full Stop Rock Red, Hemel-en-Aarde **480**

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.

Vilafonte, Seriously Old Dirt, Western Cape **535**

Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot and 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.

The Bernard Series, The Maverick SMV, Paarl **575**

Shiraz, Mourvèdre, Viognier

Deep ruby with a bright crimson rim. An entry of alluring black and red berry and cherry aromas layered with dark chocolate, winter spice, rose and violet on the nose carried through to an intricate intensely. fruited palate that is both powerful and graceful.

