

QUARTER: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2019

SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles - 3 whites, 3 reds, 2 of each) R1500.00 inc

THE SWAN & UNICORN Sauvignon Blanc 2018

R95 per bottle

This super Sauvignon hails from the cool, upper vineyard slopes of Elgin. Hartenberg's longtime, highly respected winemaker, Carl Schultz, has bottled this beauty under his own label. Fragrant citrus with subtle tropical tones on the nose which follow through to a lovely long mineral flavour on the palate. Grapes are destemmed and cooled prior to de-juicing, juice is clarified overnight in settling tanks after which it is racked clean to upright stainless steel fermenters. Fermentation took 4 weeks due to the cold temperature, allowing for an even and controlled ferment. Great for an aperitif but will pair well with light fish dishes such as Sushi or baked hake with rice & lemon butter.

TIERHOEK Chardonnay 2017

R119 per bottle

Tierhoek's cellar and vineyards are nestled in a mountain bowl amongst the peaks of the Piekenierskloof, close to Clanwilliam, 760m above sea level. The cold winters and cool summer ocean breezes help produce beautiful grapes which make for fine wines with intense fruit flavours. Farming began here in 1886 and in 2001 the new owners, Tony and Shelley Sandell restored the entire farm, nurturing the old vines back to good condition. Natural winemaking, with no additives and no pesticides or herbicides are used. This is a lovely delicate Chardonnay with subtle citrus and baked apple on the palate that is rounded by the 50% barrel-aged portion, producing a soft creaminess with hints of almond nougat on the aftertaste. Serve with Tagliatelle Alfredo or Chicken a-la King.

CELESTINA Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon 2017

R145 per bottle

The blend is made up of 50% Sauvignon Blanc and 50% Semillon, harvested together as a field blend from a tiny 1.8 ha vineyard parcel of land near Elim. It is owned by Caroline & Ray Kilian and they manage the vineyard over weekends. The Sauvignon brings deep, green fruit with a hint of lemon zest, whilst the Semillon adds depth and palate-weight. Overall, it displays the typical Cape Agulhas characteristics of minerality, raciness and gentle acidity with a faint saltiness at the end. The oak plays no role other than aiding evolution into a well-integrated wine. Only 4,700 bottles were produced. Serve with all fresh fish, salty squid, chicken with a creamy sauce or fried pork chops.

STRYDOM Retro 2017

R138 per bottle

Rianie and Louis Strydom have been making wines for famous wine estates for decades, but had the foresight to buy their own land on the R44 in Simonsberg about ten years ago. Whilst Louis still runs Ernie Els, he looks after the viticulture on the 8.5ha of vines and Rianie makes the wines. Here is a super blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cinsaut and 9% Merlot. It really delivers the goods – a deep aroma welcomes, with gorgeous black chocolate and red fruits (Lindt Raspberry) leading to a sinewy wine with a deep core of fruit, super balance and length. It will improve with four years' age, but drinks well now with grilled lamb chops or chicken livers 'en croute' (that means 'on toast', for those who did attend to Alliance Francaise!)

TIERHOEK G.S.M. 2017

R134 per bottle

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BOSCHKLOOF Cabernet-Merlot 2017

R119 per bottle

Top quality is a constant focus at this family farm, on Stellenbosch' Polkadraai Hills, and young Reenen Borman, son of the renowned Jacques Borman, is turning out gems across the board. This one is incredibly well-priced. It is a 60:40 blend, and is a full-bodied, oak matured wine with an intense deep ruby black colour. Ripe plum, herb, chocolate and complex toasty oak bouquet. A concentrated middle palate with loads of blackberries and undertones of vanilla, fruit and spice. Good to drink now with steak but will continue to improve until 2023.

[SMALL PARCELS \(12 bottles – 2 whites, 2 reds, 3 of each \) R1554.00 inc](#)

MIGLIARINA Grey Matters Pinot Gris 2017

R130 per bottle

Carsten Migliarina is an experienced winemaker, consultant and ex Sommelier. His wines have elegance, freshness and excitement, and go well with food. He loves working with lesser-known grape varieties, which led to this wine, made from a grape from Alsace, the 'grey' Pinot. Emphatically dry, it was fermented in barrel, and left there for only one month. It has a bright colour, an appealing nose of white peach and green apple. The flavour resonates with substantial depth and gravitas, although it remains fresh and dances on the palate. Long, crisp finish. Serve with butternut ravioli with sage, or lightly grilled Cape Salmon with lemon butter. Low Sulphur.

QUANDO Chenin Blanc-Viognier 2018

R98 per bottle

Quando is a family business, with brothers Fanus and Martin Bruwer as sixth generation descendants of the Bruere family, who settled here near Bonnievale from France in the mid 1700's. Ever-innovative, Fanus has come up with this blend of two ideal partners – 71% Chenin and 29% Viognier. The gnarly old Chenin vines still remember being ploughed by his father's prized Clydesdale horses. The Chenin Blanc was harvested fully ripe at 24 Balling. Only free-run juice used. The Viognier was harvested two weeks later and the free run juice added to the fermenting Chenin blanc. Rose petals, ripe pear and apricot on nose following through to a complex, rich and creamy tropical fruit flavour. Delicious on its own or with Asian chicken or fish dishes.

CATHERINE MARSHALL Amatra Merlot 2016

R125 per bottle

Catherine is regarded as one of SA's top winemakers and is excelling at Pinot Noir and Chenin Blanc with fruit from her favourite cool wine region: Elgin. She is also very adept at crafting super wine from the Bordeaux varieties. This wine is made of 94% Merlot with 4% Cabernet Franc. The philosophy: To create a complex, mouth filling wine from ripened clusters with purple fruit opulence and restrained tannin structure in cool climate conditions. The French clone (348) Merlot exudes bright, fresh black plums. Plush purple fruit flavours are supported by a vibrant thread of fresh acidity from the addition of a small splash of Cabernet Franc to harmoniously balance the opulently textured mid core palate weight. It was matured in small French oak casks for a year. Over time it will evolve to show stewed prunes, blonde tobacco and hazelnuts with seamless, mellowed tannins. Serve with robust country pastas, char-grilled meat and hearty casseroles.

MIGLIARINA Parquet 2016

R165 per bottle

Carsten Migliarina is an experienced winemaker, consultant and ex Sommelier. His wines have elegance, freshness and excitement, and go well with food. This Rhone-style wine is called Parquet and the name recalls the three pieces of wood flooring that make a perfect square, like the seamless fit of the varietal trio. It is made up of 84% Stellenbosch Syrah, 9% Swartland Carignan and 7% Wellington Grenache. The savouriness of the Syrah is augmented by a touch of spice from the Carignan and gorgeous plummy from the Grenache. Well integrated, fresh and clean, with a long, savoury finish. Serve with smoked meats, or Pork Buns touched with Asian spices.

[RARE REDS \(6 bottles \) R1770.00 inc](#)

CASTELLO di VICCHIOMAGGIO Guado Alto Chianti Classico 2016

R295 per bottle

The historical origins of Castello Vicchiomaggio can be traced back to the 5th century. The owners, the Matta family, acquired the property in 1964 and restored it back to its former splendour. The 150ha estate is one of the largest in the area, with 32 hectares dedicated to the vine. They produce several styles of wine, from the traditional to the innovative. In order to achieve this, the estate has been carefully classified according to its soil type and exposure. The hallmark of John Matta's wines is elegance, perfume, style and balance.

This superb Chianti Classico has a beautiful aroma of red plums with herbal hints. The dry entry shows firm fruits, athletic in style with racy dry tannins encapsulating elegant plummy fruit. Italian dryness at its best, showing all the hallmarks of Sangiovese grown on a cool site (Guado Alto means " High View" in Italian). Decant for three hours, then serve at room temperature to accompany roast or grilled meats, game and Tuscan bean stew.

It is recommended that you lay it down to age until 2024.

Regards, CAROLINE RILLEMA

(Purveyor of fine wine since 1979)