



QUARTER: APRIL – JUNE 2021

SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles) R1800.00 inc

CELESTINA Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon 2020

R165 per bottle

Caroline and husband, Ray Kilian, own a small 3.5 ha farm in Baardskeerdersbos, on the cool Southern Cape coast. They were pioneers in the area in 2003, following on the heels of Lomond, situated 10km away. Their vineyard – of only 1.86 ha containing Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon – was planted in 2004. Whilst the viticulture is done by them, the grapes are vinified by Dirk Human of Black Oystercatcher. Breezes from the sea, only fifteen kilometres away, cool the vineyard down at night, enabling the vines to draw energy again for the day ahead. The wine displays the distinctive Cape Agulhas characteristics of lean raciness with great purity and energy. The Sauvignon Blanc is chiselled and grassy with hints of fig and lime zest. The Semillon adds a dimension of yellow fruits, palate weight and softens the edges. For those who like that cold climate clarity but love a Sauvignon slightly richer, this is the wine for them. It will mature beautifully in bottle until 2030. Complex enough to accompany a classic Caesar salad, grilled Yellowtail or chicken baked in the oven with rosemary and green olives.

A RUPERT Cape of Good Hope Riebeeksrivier Chenin Blanc 2019

R178 per bottle

The Riebeeksrivier farm is situated on the slopes of the Kasteelberg, overlooking the Swartland. Its unique terroir, especially the shale soils, expresses itself strongly in the wine with unique varietal characteristics. Two bushvine vineyards, planted in 1988 and 2013 on south facing slopes, yield fruit of great intensity and richness balanced by bright acidity and length. The grapes were picked at optimal ripeness and transported to the cellar in refrigerated trucks. Whole bunches were pressed and the juice settled overnight. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation (100%) occurred in both stainless steel tanks (56%) and 500L French oak puncheons (26% new) the wine spent 7 months on the lees before being blended and bottled.

Attractive dried stone fruit, yellow apple and ripe mango on the nose, with subtle hints of vanilla and wild flowers. The palate has ripe peach and apricot richness, seamlessly woven into a well-rounded and creamy mouthfeel. The rich flavours are delicately held together by gentle acidity supplying a long, juicy finish.

M.A.N. Sauvignon Blanc 2020

R94 per bottle

Created by José Conde (of Stark-Conde) and brothers Tyrrel and Philip Myburgh, who started making wine together in 2001. This Sauvignon Blanc is produced from higher, cooler vineyards in the Cape, where Warrelwind (whirlwinds) are common in the vineyards throughout summer, cooling them

down. This super wine has a lovely nose of freshly-cut Kikuyu grass; soft green melon and pineapple on palate, laced with soft acidity. There is a fullness on the middle-palate, proffered by 6% Semillon in the blend. Some lees and skin contact also adds texture to this satisfying Sauvignon Blanc. Great value for money! Quaff anytime, but even better with light fish dishes.

A RUPERT Cape of Good Hope Riebeeeksrivier Syrah 2015

R178 per bottle

Fermentation took place in a combination of Italian concrete and Stainless steel tanks, with each fermentation vessel contributing to the finesse and fruit evident in this wine, which was aged in used 225L, French oak barrels for a year. It displays aromatics of Fynbos with herbaceous whiffs, extending to plum and dark fruit characteristics. Hints of lavender present interesting floral notes. This wine is a bold, structured and powerful wine yet refined. Supple oak tannin provides a frame for the plum fruit flavour and complements the light, peppery spice lift. The palate is savoury and appealing with a velvety texture, and seamless oak integration. It is layered and complex with a long defined finish. Excellent now, but can be aged until 2025. Perfect with braaied rump steak.

TERRA DEL CAPO Arne Merlot-Sangiovese 2017

R174 per bottle

These vineyards are situated on the Rupert's Rooderust farm near Darling. The selection of the Merlot and Sangiovese blocks were carefully chosen to ensure that the picking dates align and ensure that both are on optimum ripeness, so that co-fermentation could be facilitated. This helps with the marriage of the fruit flavours from each variety, being 50% Merlot; 50% Sangiovese. Aging was done in 225L French oak barrels for ten months.

Deep garnet colour. It has a gorgeous aroma of plum, pomegranate and rhubarb, so typical of both varieties. Beautiful deep fruity core, reigned in by firm acidity and dry tannins, cloaking the leathery, creamy, glossy texture. Drinking well now, but will improve well until 2026. The ideal wine for roast leg of lamb and gravy.

BELLINGHAM The Homestead Red Blend 2017

R120 per bottle

This wine is my "value find of the year" so far! A 50-50 blend of Elgin Merlot and Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes are sourced from top vineyards, planted on deep granite and shale soils respectively. It has an excellent dark ruby-red colour. The aroma is packed with a melange of red and black fruit, leading to a succulent flavour of ripe hedgerow berries and black plum. There is good intensity and structure, with a rounded palate that is perfectly balanced. The tannins are soft and juicy, rendering it approachable now, but it has many years in the bag. Try it with a rich beef casserole and boiled potatoes.

[SMALL PARCELS \(12 bottles \) R1686.00 inc](#)

JORDAN The Outlier Sauvignon Blanc 2019

R153 per bottle

After nearly forty years of family ownership, husband and wife team Gary & Kathy Jordan continue to hone the Stellenboschkloof estate's reputation for high quality across the board. This Sauvignon is loaded with tropical, green melon aromas and flavour. It is delicious, ripe and powerful with a slight tang of lime zest and acidity pulling it all together. 60% barrel-fermented and aged, with infrequent lees-stirring for texture. 40% tank-fermented for zip. Delicious with feta and bacon quiche or deep-fried calamari with a drop of lemon.

CAPE COLLECTIVE Chardonnay 2020

R141 per bottle

Cape Collective is a venture formed during lockdown, between wine negociant Dane Raath and designer Janneman Solms. Small-batch wines, naturally made, mostly from tiny boutique producers are bought up and bottled for their range. This Chardonnay is made by Gunther Schultz at Baleia Wines near Plettenberg Bay. Gunther vinified this delicate wine in three types of vessel: Terracotta amphorae, large old oak foudre and 3rd-fill barriques. Appealing, sea-fresh nose. On palate it exudes

flavours of peach, lime and biscuit (lees contact) and there is super substance and length. Serve lightly chilled with fresh elf caught off Robberg rocks or similar!

KRUGER FAMILY WINES Pinot Noir 2019

R126 per bottle

Some of you may remember Johan Kruger from his family estate's brand, Sterhuis. He broke away from there and is flying with his own label. His goal remains constant: to produce expressive, site-specific wines grown on granite soils, at altitude or close to the sea, using little intervention. Brilliant value here, from many Pinot blocks in his portfolio. Medium-deep garnet colour with a fruity, musky aroma. The flavour delivers cold Ceylon tea, leather and cherry, with smooth tannins and just enough acidity. Serve at 16°C with seared tuna or beef carpaccio.

LAARMAN WINES Cluster Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

R142 per bottle

Winemaker Arco Laarman founded this boutique solo venture in 2016 after a long sojourn at Glen Carlou. Only 7,000 bottles were produced of this wine. The grapes hail from the Bottelary Hills. After pressing, the wine went to barrel for 12 months in 2nd and 3rd fill. The wine is a youthful ruby-crimson colour and on the nose, there are blueberries and blackberries with a hint of anise. The palate is clean and elegant with dark chocolate and cherry fruits. The tannins are very soft, making one think that it is older than 2018. It will pair well with sirloin or ribeye on the bone, a lovely lasagne or slow-cooked lamb shanks. Drink now – 2025.

RARE REDS (6 bottles) R2070.00 inc

THELEMA ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

(5* Platter Guide 2021)

R345 per bottle

Gyles Webb bought Thelema, a charming dilapidated fruit farm, in 1983. Fruit orchards were pulled out and vines were planted. The first wines under the Thelema label were released in 1988. The ripe pure-fruited wines were a revelation to many and it wasn't long before the romantic tale of a run-down old fruit farm became the success story of an avant-garde winery. It is now one of the most sought-after wine estates in South Africa. Situated at the top of the Helshoogte Pass at altitude of 370 – 640m above sea level.

This great wine was matured for eighteen months in barrel - 45% new French oak, and the balance in older ones. It has a black-ruby colour with a very dark core. The aroma suggests a powerful wine, exuding blackcurrant syrup with underlying new leather and graphite. On palate, it is not as rich as one would expect from the nose, being rather more athletic than packed with muscle; its racy acidity forming a perfectly chiselled, lithe wine. Youthful and still holding back, it is deeply fruity and smooth, needing another five years to evolve into the champion wine it has the potential to be. An hour later, enjoyed with our lamb knuckle stew, it became richer and more voluminous, but remained bone dry. A great wine in the making, deserving all its accolades thus far.