

QUARTER: OCT – DEC 2021

SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles) R1684.00 inc

DOMBEYA Chardonnay 2020

R156 per bottle

This Helderberg mountainside property is owned by Preston Haskell, and has produced top red wines and Chardonnays for years now. The grapes were handpicked on four different occasions to bring more complexity to the profile. They are whole bunch pressed in the cellar. Winemaker Rudolph Steenkamp used 300l French oak barrels (15% new) for this wine, which went through malolactic fermentation, giving it good texture and mouthfeel. The wine matured in barrel on the gross lees for 12 months. It shows delicate citrus aromas with peach & pear fruit. This is followed by beautiful notes of butterscotch and white almond, due to the year spent maturing in oak. On the palate the wine has a clean crisp acidity with good viscosity. There is nice complexity with long creamy textured finish. Serve with Asian food, any seafood especially mussels, or roast chicken.

VREDE & LUST Early Mist Riesling 2019

R119 per bottle

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The fruit for this wine is sourced from the cool the Buys' Elgin farm, Casey's Ridge, and winemaker Karlin Nel has excelled with it. A highly terroir expressive cultivar, this Riesling is produced in a typical German Kabinett style. Jasmine & honeysuckle on the nose, with hints of pot-pourri. Dry styling on a very aromatic, cool climate Riesling. The flavour and aroma fills the senses with coriander spice notes, finishing dry with great acidity. Drink this wine with cold or warm Salmon dishes featuring a hint of fennel and chilli.

REMHOOGTE First Light Chenin Blanc 2021

R108 per bottle

The Boustred brothers continue to develop the estate founded by their father Murray on Stellenbosch' Simonsberg in the mid-1990's. 25Ha of the total 55Ha are under vine. The lowest point of the property is at 150 meters asl and the highest at 350 metres. The 200m gain in elevation over the property creates a very diverse set of microclimates. The vineyards face in all directions, predominantly South to South West, which is the coolest aspect on the property as it exposes the vineyards to the prevailing summer breezes that come out the south off the cold Atlantic ocean in Summer. The Chenin Blanc vineyard is the first to receive the morning rays of sunlight rising over the Simonsberg. The inside bunches are hand selected and fermented with the wild yeasts in stainless steel tanks, to produce a deliciously vibrant Chenin with notes of lime, passion fruit and apricot with a crisp acidity.

EIKENDAL Charisma 2020

R156 per bottle

Eikendal Wines, with its distinctive barrel-vaulted cellar and towering fountain, is a landmark on the R44 road between Somerset West and Stellenbosch. Situated in the "Golden Triangle" of wine growing, Eikendal vineyards flourish in a mountain and maritime microclimate, ideal for the production of quality wine. Since 1981, the 76 hectare wine farm has been under the ownership of the Saager family from Zurich, Switzerland. The Shiraz (Rhône Valley varietal) lends a tight, fresh structure with aromatic and seasoned undertones. Petit Verdot (Bordeaux varietal) contributes a rich berry character and the Sangiovese, in true Italian style, adds fruity flavours with flair on the palate. The result is a bold, charming, seductive and ultimately elegant wine with aroma and flavour of black-red berries and plums, lined with racy red fruits. Full and rich with lively acid lift, dry tannins and a long finish. Drink now, with meat-based pasta sauces or roast beef & gravy.

VREDE & LUST Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

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REMHOOGTE Chronicle Cape Blend 2018**R147 per bottle**

This wine comprises Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage & Syrah. The Syrah component underwent carbonic maceration. All blocks of the component grapes are harvested and vinified separately, then matured separately in barrel for a year before blending and maturation for a further year in barrel. 30% of them are new and the rest are 2nd and 3rd fill. It has a deep purple-ruby colour and a generous nose of ripe black cherries, earth & olives. Loads of crunchy fruit, firmed up by a healthy dose of acidity and dry, but supple tannins. Deep and sappy with good ageing potential. Drink now with rich, bold meat dishes.

SMALL PARCELS (12 bottles – 2 whites, 2 reds, 3 of each) R1593.00 inc**BESTER Family Wines Chenin Blanc 2020****R137 per bottle**

BESTER is a limited range of elegantly crafted Swartland wines that have been developed by Zakkie Bester, a well-known wine personality who, as proud Swartlander, can trace his roots back to his ancestor Andreas Bester who settled in Malmesbury in the 1700s. Zakkie was cellar master at Riebeek Wynkelder for many years, and now makes small batches of wine for his own label. We loved the sheer deliciousness of this wine!

Packed with upfront tropical fruit, the bouquet charms with an abundance of lime, grapefruit, and white pear, followed by lingering wildflower aromas. These full fruit flavours follow through onto the palate, balanced by a crisp acidity and striking minerality. A fresh vintage with plenty of maturation potential. The perfect wine to enjoy with summer food or as an aperitif on its own. Also pairs well with mild curries or spicy food. Serve well chilled.

RUSTENBERG Wild ferment Sauvignon Blanc 2019**R142 per bottle**

In 1941 Peter and Pamela Barlow bought Rustenberg, later acquiring Schoongezicht nextdoor. This grand, historic property was established in 1682. Their son Simon took over the running of the farm in 1987. Simon's son, Murray, joined the running of the farm with his father in 2012. The Barlows have been at Rustenberg for over 75 years: the longest period any one family has owned the farm. Renowned for their red wines, they also make outstanding white wine. This is a once-off lightly oaked Sauvignon which was fermented with no yeast inoculation. It is softly tropical with a nice streak of lime running through it, making it ideal to drink with fried Kingklip & new asparagus with lemon-butter sauce.

WITHINGTON Malbec 2020**R141 per bottle**

In South Africa Malbec accounts for less than 0.05% of total vineyard plantings. Withington Malbec really is fabulous. Created by Charles Withington, personality extra-ordinaire, wine merchant and owner of the Darling Wine Shop. Taste the lovely berry flavours and sense the voluptuous elegance of this wine, and you will understand. Its purple-ruby colour is inviting, the aroma has generous cherry tobacco and blueberry on it, then follows a delicious, mouthfilling, juicy flavour with a soft texture. Although young, it is delicious now but will be better in three to five years. Serve with a bacon, red pepper & feta pizza and your night will be made!

DU TOITSKLOOF Nebbiolo 2016**R111 per bottle**

Nebbiolo is an Italian variety whose name is derived from the word Nebbia, meaning mist. Du Toitskloof's winemaker returned from Northern Italy with the vision to make Nebbiolo there. Grapes were sourced from along the river which is well known for achieving dense and thick early morning fog in the winter months. Since making the Italian variety in 2004, Du Toitskloof remain one of only a few select wineries in South Africa to produce it. This deep coloured, full-flavoured wine shows aromas of dark cherry and aniseed whilst erupting with the seductively scented bouquet & flavour of violets and roses. Subtle nuances of new leather and oaky undertones that finish with sweet ripe tannins. Great with pork belly and roast fennel bulbs or roast beef and gravy. Drink now - 2025.

RARE REDS (6 bottles) R1488.00 inc**STARKE-CONDÉ Syrah 2017****R248 per bottle**

Hans Schroder bought the 240 hectare farm in Jonkershoek and dedicated the next decade to growing quality grapes. Eventually joined by daughter Marie and her husband José, they together launched Stark-Condé Wines in 1998. Jose is the cellar master, with talented winemaker Rudger van Wyk.

This is a blend from 3 different vineyard blocks at different elevations. The higher elevation vineyards have a finely textured decomposed granite soil and tend to produce a more elegant wine with softer tannins, while the lower vineyard is very rocky and gives a denser, fruitier, more tannic wine. This wine is primarily built around a very stony vineyard that produces brilliant quality. Typically of these vineyards, it makes an elegant, floral wine rather than a big in-your-face style. Deep purple tinged colour. Concentrated dark fruit aromas with liquorice and violet and white pepper notes. The palate is rich and broad with layers of fruit and a fine-grained tannin structure. Mature until 2027.