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SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles) R1890.00

NITIDA Sauvignon Blanc 2022

R134 per bottle

Situated in the heart of the Durbanville Wine Valley you will find Nitida, a family owned and run wine cellar which has been owned by Bernhard Veller since 1992. This Sauvignon Blanc is a mainstay of the Durbanville region, and displays on nose and palate, passion fruit, orange & apricot, adding to your ever-growing curiosity to discover the hidden layers of its full mouthfeel. It has the typical Durbanville herbaceous streak down the middle and will be perfect when sipped with a feta and spinach quiche or with classic, creamy chicken Cordon Bleu.

PIEKENIERSKLOOF Grenache Blanc 2022

R119 per bottle

Years ago the Piekeniers (Dutch soldiers) were deployed by the VOC from the Cape of Good Hope to explore the unknown Olifants River region and to protect travellers crossing the Piekenierskloof mountain ridge. Legend has it that they so enjoyed their independence in the lush Citrusdal valley, that they decided to settle in the region permanently. Fondly dubbed the 'Grenache HQ' amongst wine lovers, the Piekenierskloof not only boasts one of the largest Grenache plantings in the Cape, but also its' extensive collection of old, unirrigated bush vines grown on koffiekliip and sandy loam soils. Grapes were handpicked very early in the morning and only the free run juice was used, allowed to settle and inoculated with selected yeast strain, then cold fermented in third fill 500L French oak barrels. A delicate wine with fresh citrus aromas, green apple and a herbaceous character. Serve with roast chicken or grilled linefish.

HAUT ESPOIR Chardonnay 2019

R159 per bottle

Crafted by Rob Armstrong, at this beautiful 23ha farm, est in 1999. He was known as 'The Gentle Giant' in the valley and passed away suddenly in August 2021. He emphasised sustainability before it became a trendy way to farm. Stone fruit and white pear notes on the nose accompanied by yellow citrus and toasted hazelnut characters on the palate, with a rich textured finish, due to the barrel ageing. Acidity, fruit and oak all balanced well to makes this a great example of Franschoek Chardonnay. Can be enjoyed chilled as an aperitif at any time of the day, and it can be partnered with a wide range of foods and snacks, such as stir-fries and lighter creamy curries.

DOMBEYA Fenix 2020

R191 per bottle

A blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot from Haskell Vineyards on the prestigious slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, with its decomposed gravel and sandstone deposits with a clay subsoil. The aspect is North facing with maximum sun exposure. This allows the berries to ripen perfectly without green herbaceous characters. This wine shows notes of cigar box, tobacco leaf, pencil shavings, graphite and blackcurrant on the nose. The palate has loads of fruit intensity, with a bold tannin structure and notes of cedar wood. Great to consume now with red meat dishes, and it will age beautifully in bottle until 2028.

DU PLEVAUX Shiraz 2021

R143 per bottle

Great value here! Imbuko Wines is situated on the farm Uitkyk, near Wellington in the heart of the Boland winelands. Co-founder and Managing Director, Theunis van Zyl, has been in the wine industry for 30 years. The company has developed from its humble roots as a bulk wine supplier to a reckoned force supplying various wine products and services to the wine industry. This wine is in their prestige tier from a single vineyard. An elegant Shiraz with ripe cherry and strawberry flavours. Lovely plum notes blend harmoniously with the rich peppery character of the wine. Soft lingering flavours leads to a long smooth finish. Good tannins, spicy and delicious.

ZORGVLIET Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

R199 per bottle

Zorgvliet Wines has been under the ownership of the van der Merwe's since 2002. It is a family owned business, with family values. What makes it truly distinctive is the hands on approach to the overall running of the establishment. The original 1692 Manor House underwent a complete transformation and today the building is home to the tasting room and it once again boasts a thatch roof to recapture the romantic facade of years gone by. The pitch-perfect 2019 Cabernet has poise, substance and attitude with delightfully complete fruit-spice-mineral composition. Dense blackcurrant essence tinged with leaf and violet highlights, solid but supple tannins. Expressive now but will reward cellaring until 2030. It deserves a medium-rare grilled fillet steak.

SMALL PARCELS (12 bottles) R1824.00

TRADE WINDS Sauvignon Blanc 2021

R185 per bottle

A harmonious blend of grapes from low-yielding old sauvignon blanc vines planted on cool elevated mountain slopes in Stellenbosch (for richer tropical notes and softer acidity), and cool-climate Elgin grapes (for greener herbaceous characters and minerality). Blended by Master Blender Colin Frith. It is generous in style with a full nose layered with citrus and pineapple. The palate is complex, combining the character of fresh cut grass and green herbs with ripe tropical fruit notes alongside firm minerality. The wine is fresh with soft acidity, a good mouthfeel and a round lingering finish. Enjoy with freshly shucked oysters or gazpacho. Also delicious with fish on the coals - Cape Salmon or yellowtail, grilled garlic prawns, pasta primavera, or even goat's cheese.

LOURENSFORD The Dome Chenin Blanc 2021

R163 per bottle

A beautiful wine by cellarmaster Hannes Nel at Christo Wiese's showcase estate in Somerset West. The cool conditions in 2021 resulted in good colour extraction, low pH levels and high natural acidity, which all point to exceptional quality wines with good ageing potential. 60% was fermented and aged in old 300 L wine barrels for nine months before blended back with the unwooded components that were fermented and aged in stainless steel. Quince and spicy baked apple aromas lead to mandarin and white peach flavours and a lively crisp, mineral and textured finish. It is a refreshingly versatile and complex tapas style wine that can be served with chicken salad, plainly grilled fish, especially trout and tilapia, with shellfish, and with stuffed baby marrows.

MERWIDA Barbera 2020

R130 per bottle

The fertile soils of the Breede River Valley near Rawsonville have been home to the Van der Merwe Family and Merwida Winery since 1844. Located at the foot of the Du Toitskloof Mountains along the Holsloot River their vineyards stretch over 800 hectares, making Merwida one of the largest private cellars in South Africa. Rare in South Africa, the Barbera grape originates from Northern Italy, but at Merwida it is grown on a tiny 3.6 hectare plot on glenrosa and sandy loam soils. It has a deep red plum & cherry aroma with a creaminess associated with oak maturation. The central core of medium fruit is cloaked by dry tannins and a certain tartness, balanced by oak vanillins from a year's maturation in 38% new and 62% 2nd & 3rd-fill oak barrels. Serve with roast pork or beef.

DOMAINE COUTELIER Festin 2015

R130 per bottle

Domaine Coutelier is situated on the 17th century Devon Vale farm, set on a plateau between Devon Valley and Devon Vale. The Domaine consists of a four hectare plot on which grapes have been grown for decades and are now under the custodianship of owner Quint Cutler and his French wife Floriane. 'Festin' means festival and this is just that: a festival wine – deeply fruity and properly mature. 79% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, mellowed to perfection in French oak barrels and bottle. Drink at any casual occasion such as a braai or picnic.

RARE REDS (6 bottles) R1554.00

CHAMONIX Cabernet Franc Reserve 2020 2022 Cabernet Franc Challenge - Overall Trophy Winner. R259 p/b

The grapes are handpicked and will undergo berry-selection on sorting tables before the whole berries are fermented in stainless steel and concrete tanks, after which they are pressed. After malolactic fermentation the wine matures for 18 months in 228ℓ French oak barrels with 25% being new oak. Intense bouquet with scents reminiscent of dark stone-fruit, red berries, spice, and cigar box. The ample structure fills the mouth with concentrated fruit and berry sensations, bolstered by firm tannins and acidity. Mature in a cool cellar until 2030.