

QUARTER: JAN – MARCH 2023

SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles) R1870.00

WATERKLOOF Circle of Life White 2021

R172 per bottle

This estate nestles between the Hottentots-Holland and Helderberg mountains, a scant 4km from the False Bay coast. Waterkloof is one of The Western Cape Winelands' World Wildlife Fund Conservation Champions. This wine is from biodynamically grown grapes and is a blend of Chenin Blanc, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. The first two varieties spent six months in old 600L barrels. After that, the new wine was racked to a stainless-steel tank to which was added the Sauvignon Blanc. The final blend is 57% Sauvignon Blanc, 39% Chenin Blanc and 4% Semillon, which rested in barrel on the fine lees for six months, which added complexity and weight to the palate. It is full, rich and flavoursome with layers of citrus and leesy flavours. A good match for roast chicken!

STRANDVELD Pofadderbos Sauvignon Blanc 2022

R148 per bottle

A single vineyard wine grown in almost 100% rocky yellow ferricrete soil, close to Cape Agulhas. Named for the many encounters with local Puff Adder snake residents, this cool climate Sauvignon blanc is both beautifully expressive of terroir and slow ripening conditions without loss of flavour. Passion fruit, grape fruit and blackcurrant on the nose. Creamy and full on the palate with citrus, fynbos and oyster shell minerality complemented by a lovely natural acidity and a long finish. Pairs well with seafood, asparagus, tomato-based dishes, sushi, salmon trout and goats' cheese. Conrad Vlok won Diners' Club Wine Maker of the Year with this wine last year.

LOURENSFORD Dome Chardonnay 2021

R163 per bottle

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DELPHIN Le Mèlange 2021

R163 per bottle

This 54ha farm is on the rolling hills just outside Greyton and has been owned by Colin Snyman since 2016. The vineyards make up 2.5ha, making this a real boutique winery. This is a blend of 75% Shiraz (aged 12 months in oak barrels) and 25% Mourvedre, brought up in a single amphora. It has a deep nose of spice & earth, with an appealing red berry lift. Medium-plus juicy fruit core, very tasty melange of spice, oaky notes and lively summer berries. Long dry finish. Ideal to serve with a rich meaty casserole with mushrooms and baby onions.

LOURENSFORD The Dome Pinot Noir 2020

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NAPIER Cape Blend 2020**R126 per bottle**

The rich soil diversity around Napier Vineyards in Wellington allows the perfect combination of grape variety and terroir. This lovely wine is a blend of 50% Pinotage, 25% Cabernet Franc and 25% Shiraz. A premium Cape Blend, matured in 300l once- and multiple-used French oak barrels followed by maturation in the bottle for a total of 12-18 months. The wine is loaded with ripe red & black berry fruits and black plums with a faint hint of spicy chocolate. Juicy and satisfying, with bright acidity and a long, fruity finish. Serve with a rich venison or lamb stew.

SMALL PARCELS (12 bottles) R1869.00**LIEVLAND Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2021****R189 per bottle**

A true example of the versatility and depth of South African Chenin Blanc. Light straw colour with a golden hue, with aromas of white peach, citrus and pineapple. The rich and ripe mouthfeel in this elegant wine is balanced by vibrant acidity and subtle minerality. Made from grapes of between 38 and 45 years old, grown on the farm 'Eenzaamheid' in Agter-Paarl, a 7th generation family farm. It sits on a basin of shale that is excellent for Chenin Blanc. 50% was tank fermented and 50% was oak barrel fermented, followed by two weeks on the lees and two months maturation. Serve with fish & chicken dishes in creamy sauces.

LEMBERG The Lady 2021**R179 per bottle**

Lemberg Wine Estate is nestled 5km from Tulbagh. Established in 1978 by legendary winemaker Janey Muller, Lemberg became known for its Sauvignon Blanc and Hárslevelü. The name originates from Lemberg, Poland – now known as Lviv, Ukraine. Since its purchase in 2007, Lemberg has seen development in the vineyard and the cellar. Now boasting a production capacity of 100tons, vinified under the watchful eye of owners Henk de Bruyn and Suzette Jansen van Rensburg. This wine symbolizes the expressive characters captured by different varieties – the fragrance and richness of Viognier, the finesse of the Hungarian grape Hárslevelü, the touch of freshness our old Sauvignon blanc vines adds, and evidently, the enticing texture that Sémillon offers. Delicate floral and honeysuckle aromas on the nose, with orange peel, yellow peach and fresh ginger on the palate. Slightly mineral, with a fresh finish. Will pair very well with an Asian pulled pork wrap with apple and a spicy dressing.

HASKELL DOMBEYA Merlot 2020**R149 per bottle**

The original farm Dombeya (referring to the many Wild Pear trees on the property) was once a citrus farm, on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This wine comes from a small block of 0.9 ha, with a NE aspect. This block is planted on decomposed granite soil with sandstone, and produces excellent wine. It has seen 30% new oak and the balance in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels. It shows notes of red forest berries, ripe plums with a slight cedar undertone. On the palate the wine opens up into a bowl of red and black berries followed by light savoury notes. The acid is moderate allowing the tannins to show their silky elegance with a long savoury finish. It drinks well now but can be aged for a further 8-10 years. A good wine for marinated lamb sosaties off the braai.

KOELENBOSCH Shiraz 2020**R106 per bottle**

One of the finest Shiraz wines we have tasted in 2022 with an incredible price tag. Very dark ruby red. Deep nose of black cherry with hints of ground pepper. The palate abounds with flavour, echoing the aroma, and the tannins are ripe and supple with perfect acidity to balance. Drinking very well now, but will mature until 2030. Next time you braai chicken thighs or lamb chops, serve this wine!

RARE REDS (6 bottles) R1200.00**DAVID FINLAYSON Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon 2020****R200 per bottle**

Edgebaston vineyard is situated in the foothills of the Simonsberg Mountain on the N side of Stellenbosch. Born and raised in Stellenbosch and a third generation grape grower and vintner, David Finlayson and his family purchased the run down Edgebaston farm in 2004 and began a painstaking replanting and rebuilding process. With over 25 years of winemaking experience gained in South Africa and a number of wineries around the world, David Finlayson is a name synonymous with great wine. This wine is made with a nod to the classic wines of the Medoc, reflecting the time he spent working at Chateau Margaux. Produced from four outstanding clones of Cabernet Sauvignon planted on different sites, grown on Malmesbury Shale on deep red clay. 6% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc found their way into the mix. Fourteen months wood elevation: 20% New French Oak; 60% Second Fill; 20% Third Fill. Made to exude absolute purity of varietal character and as such display true Cabernet Sauvignon cassis and blackcurrant flavours. The wine has strong berry fruit structure with a fresh, minty herbaceousness backed by mocha and vanilla. Firm structured tannins and a long finish on the palate show good ageing potential. Optimum drinking window: 2025 - 2030.