



**QUARTER: APRIL – JUNE 2023**

**SPECIAL DISCOVERIES (12 bottles) R1914.00**

**GROOT PHESANTEKRAAL Sauvignon Blanc 2022**

**R113 per bottle**

Groot Phesantekraal was first granted in 1698 to Olof Bergh, then passed from the Bergh family to the Louws who lived there for several generations before it was eventually acquired by Arend Brink in 1897. While the Brink family originated in the Cape, Arend was a transport rider between the diamond and gold fields up north before settling on this farm on the outskirts of Durbanville. It is now in the hands of Andre Brink, the 4th generation at this farm on the north-east side of Durbanville where the sea breeze from the icy Atlantic meets the dry heat of the interior.

The complex and intriguing nose displays a melange of cool tropical fruit, with passion fruit and guava. The palate is still youthful, with mouth-watering grapefruit and lemongrass notes along with cut grass and gooseberries. Fresh, crunchy salads, grilled chicken or seared fish would make perfect partners.

**CAVALLI Reserve Chenin Blanc 2022**

**R199 per bottle**

The estate encompasses 100 Hectares of prime property located in the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch. There are 26 Ha of Vineyards, 10 Ha of Indigenous Gardens, 10 Ha of manicured paddocks attached to a World Class Equestrian Indoor Arena, followed by a 3300 square metre public building facility. This Chenin was fermented in 225L French oak barrels and left on its lees for six months before blending, of which 16% were first fill barrels. During this time very minimal malolactic fermentation took place, leaving a fresh bright acidity. This vibrant wine shows notes of fresh stone fruit, pear and sweet melon with the floral aroma of peach blossom. The tropical hint of pineapple on the palate is complemented by delicate spice and vanilla. It finishes with a pithy line of citrus and a vibrant, lingering acidity. Fresh line fish or chicken will be ideal.

**TIERHOEK Chardonnay 2021**

**R156 per bottle**

Tierhoek, a distinguished farm of beauty and diversity. Situated high in the peaks (760m) of the Piekenierskloof Mountain, just on the border of the Cederberg. The farm flourishes due to cold, rainy winters and long, warm summers that are cooled down by afternoon Atlantic breezes. The original Sandveld farm was restored by Tony and Shelley Sandell, and is now most renowned for its world-class wines. In addition, the endemic Buchu and Rooibos that grow here are the best that the area has to offer. Some great vineyards thrive here. A lovely, delicate Chardonnay with a pretty pale yellow colour. On aroma, there is subtle citrus and fresh apples with a touch of leanness from light barrel ageing. Overall, it is bright and pure with rare minerality and poise. Crisp and moreish.

**GROOT PHESANTEKRAAL Cabernet Sauvignon 2021**

**R177 per bottle**

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Concentrated dark fruit aromas of blackcurrant and blue berries which follow through to the palate. pinecone and black pepper scents are in harmony with fruit, creating a full-bodied complex wine. Beautiful tightness on the palate with dried herb nuances emphasizes the cool climate terroir. The wine has long, full finish that lingers with a blueberry aftertaste. This wine was aged in 5% American oak and 95% French oak for 14 months. Enjoy with roast pork or beef, chicken liver terrine and winter stews.

**DU TOITSKLOOF Dimension Blend 2018**

**R178 per bottle**

In the early years Du Toitskloof Wines became well known as a bulk-wine producer, yet after the winery began concentrating on the bottled wine market in the early 1990s, they soon cultivated a reputation as a progressive brand, especially in the innovative winemaking disciplines introduced at the cellar. This is one of the gems here, a blend of > Syrah, with Mourvedre and four Bordeaux varietals. The deep garnet colour precedes a full, open aroma of black fruits and hints of mulled strawberries. The flavour is generous and deeply fruity, smooth and integrated. A plush, easy wine to savour on its own, or with cheese & biscuits or red meat dishes.

**SILKBUSH Hillside Red 2018****R134 per bottle**

The property is located on a gradually sloped hillside that ultimately becomes towering mountain cliffs. The highest peak is the eponymous Silkbush Mountain. The dramatic landscape rivals anywhere in the world with its sheer beauty and unique terroir especially well suited for growing premium wine grapes. After spending 18-20 months in older barrels, the components of Shiraz, Malbec & Petit Verdot were blended together to produce this elegant wine. The vineyards are planted in ancient, decomposed granite soils. Dark fruit, plums, raspberries and spice on the nose with red cherry and brambles contributing to a juicy mouthfeel and lingering taste. The ideal wine to enjoy next to the braai, with a pizza or at a picnic.

**SMALL PARCELS ( 12 bottles ) R1857.00****MERWIDA Pinot Grigio 2022****R100 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 Pinot Grigio grape originates from NE Italy. True to type, this wine exudes freshness and deep minerality with a certain wet stone character and hints of freshly blanched almonds on the palate. Crisp and dry with a haunting depth – one of the best examples of this grape made locally. Serve with freshly caught linefish and light chicken dishes.

**TIERHOEK Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2019****R222 per bottle**

Tierhoek was established as a farm in 1886 and is one of the oldest surviving, original Sandveld farms on the West Coast of Africa. This 715ha farm was owned by the Marais family from 1886 to 2001, and is presently owned by Shelly Sandell and her family. Just seven x 300L barrels are made each year from this Old Vine block, planted in 1977. It has a penetrating aroma of bottled quince and just-ripe mango, followed by a fleshy flavour abounding in vibrancy and racy acidity. A thrilling wine – it's no wonder some of the most famous wine makers buy fruit from this block. It will pair perfectly with young cheeses and of course a light butter chicken curry.

**STONY BROOK Camissa 2020****R125 per bottle**

In 1995 Nigel and Joy McNaught purchased an old fruit farm in Franschhoek. This property is now known as Stony Brook. They replanted the entire farm to vines and built a small cellar in which to produce the first wines under the Stony Brook label. In 2011, the owners were joined by their son, Craig McNaught, who took over the reigns as winemaker. This is a super Bordeaux-style blend, made up of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Each component was matured for 24 months in second-and-third-fill French oak barriques. Deep, ripe fruit aroma, redolent of Rowntree's black and red fruit pastilles! Refined and vertical, thanks to the Cabernets' structure, it is also smooth and rounded. Drinking well now, it will pair well with a good ribeye steak.

**KLEINHOEKKLOOF Shiraz 2020****R172 per bottle**

Kleinhoekkloof is an award-winning family owned boutique wine and olive farm safely ensconced within the Langeberg Mountain range. Handcrafted wines are created here – wines that also reflect the superb quality of the fruit sourced from tiny wisps of vineyard. The farm has a rich heritage – spanning a century and more, and was acquired by the de Jongh family in 2004. This vintage shows balanced spice, some oak and dark berries on the nose. The palate is an array of concentrated pepper and cardamom backed by the characteristic Kleinhoekkloof perfume. It is a focused and balanced wine with supple tannins and a well-rounded finish. Pairing suggestion: Hearty red meat dishes like bobotie, oxtail and lamb.

**RARE REDS ( 6 bottles ) R2046.00****WINSHAW WINES Bill Winshaw 2018****R341 per bottle**

Just 12 tons of grapes are used for the family's own label, with 850 cases reaching the market. JP's brother Pierre is part-owner, winemaker and viticulturist, who celebrate their grandfather Charles and great-grandfather Bill in the Bordeaux-accented craft range. An American doctor who arrived in the Cape at the turn of the 20th century, Bill went on to create Stellenbosch farmers' Winery, founder member of today's giant Distell. With a lot of hard work in the vineyard and a soft hand in the cellar, the siblings are making great strides, with wines worth singing about.

This brilliant blend comprises 45% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Malbec. Brilliant ruby red colour, Gorgeous red fruit spectrum showing on nose, echoing the Cab Franc presence, 24 months in oak, 76% new, bringing an inner warmth and a subtle Lindt raspberry choc tone. Perfectly ripe varietal components make up a beautiful whole, integrating well already. The tannins are ripe and the acidity is on point, convincing us that this very Bordeaux-like wine will mature well until it reaches its' plateau in 2030.