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This list isn't just about wines—it's about stories. It begins with producers who honour ancient winemaking traditions, from the earliest recorded methods to the biodynamic and sustainable practices seen within contemporary winemaking. This list includes wines steeped in history and individuality, each crafted with care and innovation. Yet, as the list evolved, it became something more personal—a reflection of my own journey.

Growing up in the heart of one of South Africa's most renowned wine-producing regions deeply influenced my path. From including one of the very first wines I ever tasted to the bottles I carefully placed in the cellar during my early days as a sommelier, every bottle selected here holds meaning. This list is not just a compilation; it is a legacy, built upon the foundation laid by those who inspired and guided me.

This is my chapter in the ever-evolving story of South African wine—a continuation of a rich heritage. My hope is that, with each sip, you will experience the narrative I have woven, one that honours the past while looking to the future.

- Alvezo Abrahams, Head Sommelier

THE CAPE GRACE VINOTEQUE SELECTION

South African wines are globally recognised for their exceptional quality, regularly being compared to the best in the world. Diversity is in our nature, and this reflects in the broad styles and vast selection of varieties we offer from extreme appellations around the Cape of Good Hope. There isn't a variety that can be singled out as our best, and therefor our advice is to explore and taste widely to experience some of this diversity.

With this list we introduce a selection of South Africa's best wines, carefully matured, and presented at a suitable drinking age.

Let us take you on a journey.

UNDERSTANDING SOUTH AFRICAN WINES

WO - Wine of Origin

An indication of where the vineyard, for a particular wine, can be found geographically. In South Africa we are often allowed to use grapes from multiple vineyards in one wine, and therefore the origin will read WO Coastal or WO Western Cape, rather than a more specific appellation like WO Franschhoek.

Vintage – the date on the label

The year in which the grapes were harvested, and the vinification started. Harvest typically starts in January and lasts till April, depending on the area and grape varieties.

Certified Heritage Vineyards

The Old Vine Project aims to identify and certify all vineyards older than 35 years as part of our vinous heritage. Since 1900 meticulous records have been kept of all new plantings, therefore these vineyards can be dated successfully. A wine can only carry the Old Vine Certification if it was made from a single vineyard with heritage status.

CAP CLASSIQUE	GLASS	BOTTLE
Villiera Brut Rose NV Stellenbosch	120	570
joyful, rich pink colour, vivacious cascading bubbles and the full rich flavour of Pinot Noir combined with the elegance of Chardonnay and the uniqueness of Pinotage.		
Colmant Brut NV Western Cape	175	845
sophisticated freshness and elegance while revealing precision in acidity and the balance of flavours.		
Silverthorn the Green Man 2021 Robertson		1 150
aromas of baked apple backed up by subtle hints of minerality and whiffs of roasted almonds.		
Vergelegen MMV NV Somerset West	230	1 100
a delicate, fine mousse with hints of brioche, citrus, spice and baked apples.		
Birdsong Extra Brut 2020 Western Cape		1 050
aromas of lemon, peach and toasted brioche, accompanied by a subtle cherry note.		
Tokara Blanc de Blanc 2016 Stellenbosch		2 050
aromas of lightly toasted almonds, lemon preserve and a hint of fresh green apple.		
Graham Beck Cuvee Clive 2018 Western Cape		3 200
delicate white blossoms, sun-kissed lemons and luscious white peach mingle with hints of toasted almonds, ginger, and freshly baked shortbread.		
Simonsig Satin Nectar 2023 Western Cape		560
aromas of white peach and apricot accompanied by subtle floral notes. a luscious palate of peach and stewed apples with a touch of honeyed biscuits.		

CHAMPAGNE	GLASS	BOTTLE
Moët & Chandon Brut NV Champagne white fruit notes including pear, white peach and apple in the company of fine, light bubbles. the sweet liveliness of the citrus nuances.	440	2 100
Lanson Le Black Création Brut a perfumed nose with hints of citrus and white fruits. fresh and easy on the palate, with a creamy mousse and notes of honeysuckle, ripe peach, citrus.	490	2 450
Drappier Rose De Saignee NV Urville, France hints of red fruits and violet with a lightly spiced note, subtle trace of liquorice in the finish.		2 150
Ruinart Blanc Brut NV Reims, France intense aromas of fresh fruit, ripe lemon, juicy pear and freshly picked peach.		4 400
Dom Perignon Brut 2013 Champagne the green of eucalyptus, mint and vetiver, the yellow-orange of mirabelle plums, apricot and orange blossom, the brown of pepper, cardamom and licorice sticks.		11 500
Dom Perignon Brut Rose 2009 Champagne aromas of rose, orange oil and saffron, dominated red fruit, somber touches of cassis and fig, notes of gingerbread and licorice. the fruit is majestic, ripe, fleshy and profound.		15 200
Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle N'26 Brut NV Champagne complex with sliced fresh and dried ginger, subtle pie crust, tarte tatin and hints of nutmeg with some salted caramel.		9 350

ROSÉ	GLASS	BOTTLE
Normandie 'Karen' 2024 Franschhoek a mixture of ripe winter and summer melon with notes of garden roses.		750
Jean Roi Cap Provincial 2024 Riebeeksrivier appealingly bold aromas of tropical fruits, guava, kiwi, and fig highlighted by a light grapefruit sheen.	215	820
Lievland 2023 Stellenbosch hints of citrus peel, lively raspberry, glazed cherry fruit.	155	590

SAUVIGNON BLANC	GLASS	BOTTLE
Fryers Cove Bamboes Bay 2022 Bamboes Bay concentrated aromas on the nose of guava, paw paw, green figs and lime. This wine is fresh, bright and bursting with vibrant citrus fruit.		1 300
Erika O 2019 Groenekloof floral notes followed by blackcurrant, passion fruit, lime and grapefruit interspersed with subtle notes of fynbos.		1 050
Groote Post Seasalter 2023 Darling rich, layered and long, elegant well-balanced minerality, vibrant acidity and some leesy complexity before a saline finish.	150	560
Kleine Zalze Family Reserve 2022 Western Cape intensely structured palate is laden with aromas of tropical fruit, supported by a backbone of the grassy and green pepper aromas.		925
Ghost Corner 2024 Elgin a kaleidoscope of flavours including crème brûlée, slight honeyed notes and a lemon/lime citrus freshness.	225	850
Catherine Marshall 2023 Cape South Coast mouth filling flavours of sub- tropical fruits including melon, lychees, passion fruit, ripe nectarine flesh, with intense pink grapefruit and fresh limes.		525
Terre Paisible Les Dames de '87 OV 2022 Franschhoek tropical, ripe fruit spectrum of the variety showcasing pineapple and nectarine aromas.		1 020
Saxenburg Private Collection 2019 Stellenbosch intense aromas of tropical fruits such as pineapple and passion fruit, accompanied by citrus notes of lemon and grapefruit.		750
Klein Constantia Metis 2019 Constantia bursts with aromas of blackcurrant leaf, wet slate and limes. rich complex flavours of kiwi fruit.		920
Iona Wild Ferment 2023 Elgin aromas of grapefruit, peaches, green bell pepper and sage. medium-bodied with silky texture.		595

CHARDONNAY	GLASS	BOTTLE
Whalehaven Sandstone Strata 2021 Hemel-en-Aarde a complex bouquet of white fragrent flowers and heady top notes of nectarous honeysuckle and persimmon.		750
Arendsig Block A15 2022 Robertson green & yellow citrus, granny smith apple with tropical fruit notes.	180	680
De Wetshof Bateleur 2023 Robertson citrus and pear-drop notes are complemented by an intriguing nuttiness, with elegant citrus on the finish.		2 300
Hamilton Russell 2023 Hemel-en-Aarde prominent pear and lime fruit aromas, flavours are brought beautifully into		2 300
Radford Dale Touchstone 2022 Elgin yuzu, chamomile and clementine with a sweet acidity.		1 550
Delheim Sur Lie 2022 Stellenbosch light vibrant golden colour with citrus and stone fruit	220	830
Atlas Swift Cape South Coast 2022 Cape South Coast exhaling citrusy scents of lemon, lime and orange peel interlaced with subtle hints of brioche.		1 250
Capensis Silene 2022 Stellenbosch pure citrus and rich minerality focused.		1 100
Iona Kloof 2021 Elgin beautiful oyster shell minerality, a slight saline note, a long finish and good weight on the back palate.		1 550
La Bri Barrel Select 2023 Franschhoek creamy pear and apricot nose with hints of wood spice. elegantly rich with a broad velvety palate.		950
Art of Creation 2023 Hemel-en-Aarde fresh lime, delicate quince, warm butterscotch, almond		2 050

CHENIN BLANC	GLASS	BOTTLE
Catherine Marshall Jono's Wave 2023 Elgin mineral attack, typical aromas of royal jelly, quince and fresh mushrooms. mistinctive flavour with firm acidity and an harmonious texture.		440
Brookdale Reserve Old Vine 2022 Paarl subtly keyed, restrained aromatics of pear skin, honeycomb and golden citrus. Just a hint of pastry cream and toast.		1 015
Avondale Anima 2020 Paarl the palate is dense with fresh fruit flavours of gooseberry, quince and peach.		1 035
Cape of Goodhope Riebeeks Rivier 2023 Riebeeksrivier there is a gentle note of freshly squeezed orange and an alluring creaminess to the palate.		480
Cederberg Generation Five 2023 Cederberg pure fruit aromas, baked apples and delicate spice complemented by roasted almond and citrus notes.		1 125
Raats Original 2023 Stellenbosch distinctive yellow apple, kiwi fruit and pineapple core, alongside notes of green melon and limes.	150	560
Testalonga El Bandito Skin 2023 Swartland slightly oxidative, spicy notes typical to orange wines with skin contact.		980
Ken Forrester Terre Noire Stellenbosch bright notes of lime, guava, honeydew and peach lead to a persistent fruity finish.		1 030
Remhoogte Honeybunch 2023 Stellenbosch richly fruited and honeyed pallet with a bright, limey acidity with refreshingly long lightly phenolic finish.	255	980
Beaumont Hope Marguerite 2022 Bot River notes of guava, citrus, green apple and herbs while the palate is lean, energetic and pithy.		1 150

WHITE BLENDS	GLASS	BOTTLE
Keermont Terrasse 2021 Stellenbosch inviting aroma with notes of spring flowers, ripe apricots, citrus and a hint of fennel.	220	830
Trizanne Signature Reserve 2020 Stellenbosch rich aromatics of lime, white flowers and a touch of herbs. the Elim minerality is very apparent on the palate, layered with fruit and subtle wood spice.		650
Ashbourne Sandstone 2023 Hemel-en-Aarde dramatic varietal fruit, the focus of the wine is on bright minerality, salinity and vibrant natural acidity, coated by a full and gentle viscosity derived from wild yeasts.		980
Ghost Corner Bowline 2023 Elgin ripe fruit aromas such as white pear and figs with a subtle layer of toasted almonds.		940

OTHER WHITE	GLASS	BOTTLE
Newton Johnson Albariño 2022 Hemel-en-Aarde	215	820
an opulent concentration of crisp, complex fruit and redolent white flowers.		
Thorne & Daugters Paper Kite Semillon Gris 2023 Swartland		1 050
savoury aromas of chestnuts, nougat and nutmeg with the subtle, fresh pepperiness of wild rocket.		
Olifantsberg Roussanne 2022 Breedekloof		1 000
orange blossom top notes with an aromatic mix of dried coriander, ginger and citrus are underpinned by a linear citrus core with a waxy undertone and pithy finish.		
De Wetshof Riesling 2020 Robertson		680
crisp and delicate, abundantly complex with a typically spicy deep fruity flavour.		
Idiom Viognier 2020 Stellenbosch		720
yellow citrus fruits develop into a complex melange of tinned peach, shortbread and chamomile.		
Zandvliet Muscat 2024 Robertson	80	300
intense apricot flavours with hints of orange peel and rose petals and a dash of spice.		

CABERNET SAUVIGNON	GLASS	BOTTLE
Springfield Methode Anciene 2016 Robertson balsamic leafy green, plums, black cherry skin and a exotic hint of flowers and herbs.		1 200
Rietvallei Estate 2022 Robertson lots of red and black fruit flavours infused with cherry and cassis and hints of coffee on the nose.	130	490
Inkara 2019 Robertson hints of plums with soft tones of black berries.	220	800
Stark-Conde 2020 Stellenbosch blackberry fruit aromas with tea-leaf and cedar notes.		1 050
David Finlayson GS 2021 Stellenbosch cassis and blackcurrant fruit on the nose as well as a fresh minty, herbaceousness backed by mocha vanilla.		1 650
Rickety Bridge Paulina's Reserve 2021 Franschhoek classic charictors of red cherries layerd with herbal notes of oak spice.		1 050
Waterford Estate 2018 Stellenbosch characterised by earthy aromatics, well-textured tannins and fresh finishes.		1 600
De Trafford 2020 Stellenbosch violets and a dusting of herbs, red and black cherries with a hint of oak spice.		930
Le Riche Reserve 2021 Stellenbosch delicately musky, perfumed notes of white flowers, crème de cassis, blueberries, black berries and freshly tilled earth hints that mingle with notions of dried herbs.		2 950
Capensis Silene 2023 Stellenbosch black currant, anise, tobacco leaf, plum sauce, pencil lead		1 260

MERLOT	GLASS	BOTTLE
Muratie Alberta Annemarie 2020 Stellenbosch complex layers of cocoa, cinnamon and toasted hazelnut, fresh acidity and a pinch of mixed herbs.		630
Overgaauw Reserve 2020 Stellenbosch rich combination of sumptuous black cherry fruit, hints of cocoa powder and elegant spicy oak notes.		740
Nico Van De Merwe Robert Alexander 2020 Stellenbosch elegant, fruity wine which shows mulberry and raspberry flavours with a fine balance between fruit and tannins.		420
Rainbow's End 2021 Stellenbosch blueberries, ripe plums and a faint spiciness towards the end.	155	590
Plaisir De Merle 2020 Paarl cherries, hints of cloves and mocha and sweet tannins.	200	770
Oldenburg 2019 Stellenbosch fynbos and paprika on the nose is matched by a bold palate of pine nuts, brambles and cloves.		1 050
Anthonij Rupert 2018 Franschhoek plump, black hedgerow fruit with both a subtle tomato plant and spice.		1 400
Holden Manz Reserve 2021 Franschhoek layered with spices, strained cherries and earthiness.		1 750
Shannon Mount Bullet 2020 Elgin blackberries, some appealing herbal character, earth and attractive oak.		1 <i>7</i> 00
Laibach Claypot 2018 Stellenbosch supple, dark berry fruit and earthy, savoury notes while offering a dry and defined finish.		950

SHIRAZ & SYRAH	GLASS	BOTTLE
La Bri 2021 Franschhoek plumes of lavender, thyme and heady spice.		660
Kleine Zalze Vineyards Selection 2021 Stellenbosch white pepper and juicy black berries are beautifully balanced with a hint of violets.	165	630
Solace by Iona 2021 Elgin layers of bramble and red berry fruit, with spicy, peppery aromas. energetic emphasises floral on elements.		1 300
Waterford Kevin Arnold 2019 Stellenbosch black cherry with hints of mocca and spice on the nose.	265	1 020
Keermont Steep Side 2018 Stellenbosch enticing with red fruit, notes of sandal wood, tea leaf, cloves, and orange rind.		1 700
Gabrielskloof Syrah on Shale 2021 Bot River combines the savouriness of truffles, wet earth, thyme with black cherries and baked rhubarb.		1 445
Mullineux 2015 Swartland spicy citrus rind, refined black fruit, floral notes including violets and lilies.		1 350
Testalonga El bandito The Dark Side 2023 Swartland blackcurrants with violets and strawberry on the palate. spicy and peppery through the finish.		920
Luddite 2010 Bot River dark berries, lavender, black pepper, liquorice, clove and leather.		2 650

PINOT NOIR	GLASS	BOTTLE
David Finlayson 2023 Western Cape strawberry and Vanilla notes on the nose. the palate has a touch of minerality and earthiness layered below the fresh.		620
Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak 2022 Hemel-en-Aarde fragrant and seductive red cherry perfume underpins an iron-rich mineral edge.		1 300
La Brune The Valley 2024 Elgin strawberries, cherries, citrus skin, mushroom and earthy notes.	185	695
Whalehaven 2021 Hemel-en-Aarde prunes and cigar box, followed by seductive mouth filling flavours of redcurrants and plums.		1 050
Iona Kloof 2021 Elgin spicy with blue and black berry fruit, finished with pithy and stony mineral.		1 495
Newton Johnson Family Vineyards 2022 Hemel-en-Aarde rose, musk and white pepper with fresh acidity and fine tannins.		1 <i>7</i> 50
Hamilton Russell 2023 Hemel-en-Aarde a hint of amarena, of dark peony petal, of iris and dark oak leaf.		2 150
Crystallum Peter Max 2023 Walker Bay red cherries, cranberry, rose and lavender lead the way aromatically before tomato leaf and sumac.		1 050
Maastricht 2023 Durbanville complex flavours of cherry, raspberry, and forest floor.	210	800

PINOTAGE	GLASS	BOTTLE
Lievland Bushvine 2023 Paarl licorice, clove and allspice set the spicy stage for this bold red's bouquet, supported by ripe aromas of black cherry and plum sauce.		560
Thorn & Daughters Menagerie 2022 Citrusdal cherry, plum, pomegranate and floral perfume.		750
Kanonkop 2014 Stellenbosch bold aromas of plums and blackberries, with layers of liquorice, smoke, roasted nuts and rich vanilla on the nose.		2 650
Lanzerac 2021 Stellenbosch red and black cherry, fynbos, a slight toasty note, vanilla and spice.	185	695
Orpheus & The Raven No. 7 2022 Stellenbosch round and elegant, with good tannin structure to support the abundance of fruit on the palate.		1 550
Bellingham Bernard Series 2021 Coastal liberal black cherry, ripe mulberry and raspberry confit aromas are followed by plum pudding, smoked meat flavours and savoury hints of truffle.	210	800
Beeslaar 2022 Stellenbosch tinned red cherries, red plum and sweet raspberry dipped in chocolate.		1 875
Beyerskloof Diesel 2022 Stellenbosch intense dark fruit flavours and pleasant hints of chocolate from the barrel toasting.		3 250
Bruwer Vintners Liberte 2022 Stellenbosch fresh cherries, blackcurrant and potpourri reveals itself first, with subtleties of dried herbs and spice lending complexity.		1 050

RED BLENDS	GLASS	BOTTLE
Springfield Work of Time 2018 Robertson dark fruit, spices, and a touch of leather, all harmoniously blended with fine tannins.		695
Meerendal The Loft 2023 Cape Town layers of red and dark fruit intertwine with subtle hints of chocolate and spice, resulting in a harmonious fusion of flavours.		920
Seriously Old Dirt Magnum 2022 Stellenbosch vibrant expression of fruit. unfolding with fresh plum, black raspberry, mulberry and ripe strawberry.	180	1 350
Anwilka 2013 Stellenbosch red fruit and cherries with toasted spices, balanced acidity, supple tannins and elegant texture.		1 765
Van Biljon Qinc 2014 Stellenbosch layered nose with black cherries, leather, blueberries, incense, cedar, minerality and graphite.		950
Ataraxia Serenity 2020 Hemel-en-Aarde finely scented vibrant nose with beautifully lifted berry fruit and intriguing mineral and spice.	205	790
De Toren Fusion V 2019 Stellenbosch black cherry, cedar and dark berries. subtle hints of fennel, blueberries and dark, bitter chocolate.		2 450
Vilafonte C Series 2022 Paarl sumptuous black berry fruits are expressive and well-defined, underpinned by a mouth-watering core with effortlessly long finish.		5 860
Vilafonte C Series 2017 Paarl opening with blackcurrant, blueberry and fresh juniper berry interwoven with sensuous violet perfume.		7 250
Vilafonte C Series 2015 Paarl this wine exemplifies both freshness and concentration of fruit with great potential to mature and evolve over the next decade.		7 970

RED BLENDS	GLASS	BOTTLE
Vilafonte M Series 2014 Paarl vivid dark red fruit leads this Merlot-Malbec blend of Series M. the aromas are immediate, fresh, bright pure and expressive, including freshly picked dark cherries and black raspberries.		5 650
Vilafonte M Series 2012 Paarl Underlying the red fruit characters are more mature aromas of dried fruit flowers, balsamic and fruitcake		4 640
Vilafonte M Series 2010 Paarl this spectacular wine has a brightness to it showing hints of caramel, fruitcake and spice that fills the glass.		5 650
MR de Compostela 2021 Stellenbosch blackcurrant and black cherry fruit with hints of violets, cedar and cinnamon.		5 900
AA Badenhorst Family Red 2021 Kalmoesfontein black cherries, perfume, pepper and liquorice, with flavours of dark berry fruit and lavender.		1 050
Waterford The Jem 2015 Stellenbosch interesting nose with violets, black raspberries, light olives and some red cherries.		6 550
Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2020 Hemel-en-Aarde aromatic leather, cured meat and violet notes frame flavours of red cherry, licorice and rooibos tea.		1 350
Anysbos 'Tesame' 2021 Bot River red currant, raspberry, black cherry, olive, rose, fynbos and spice.	250	960
Radford Dale Black Rock 2015 Swartland dense fruit, bright acidity and fine tannins, with a finish that is savoury.		1 050
Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2021 Stellenbosch cranberry, cassis, some floral perfume, leafiness and subtle notes of vanilla, spice and pencil shavings.		2 800

OTHER REDS	GLASS	BOTTLE
Kaapzicht 'Skuinsberg' Cinsault 2022 Stellenbosch dense earthy savory sun dried strawberry and bramble berry fruit.		660
Idiom Grenache Noir 2019 Stellenbosch juicy red cherry, raspberry, a hint of black pepper and fynbos boegoe.		845
Bosman Nero 2020 Wellington sweet spices on the nose, subtle oak and flavours of bramble, raspberry and red cherry.		900
Oldenburg Cabernet Franc 2021 Stellenbosch rhubarb, jasmine and redcurrants, with the distinctive green bell pepper on the palate.		1 950
Doolhof Malbec 2022 Limietberg intense dark purple with black cherry and eucalyptus to the fore, with elements of fresh mint, fynbos and a touch of sandalwood.	200	770
DESSERT & FORTIFIED WINES	GLASS	BOTTLE
Klein Constantia Vin De Constance 2021 Constantia	415	3 420
Thelema Vin de Hel 2022 Stellenbosch	85	540
De Trafford Straw Wine 2015 Stellenbosch		2 400
Beaumont Goutte d'Or 2021 Bot River	105	725
Muratie Ben Prince Cape Vintage 2021 Stellenbosch	80	

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Overgaauw Cape Vintage 1998 | Stellenbosch

Rietvallei Estate Red Muscadel 2019 | Robertson



