

# WINE LIST

## ABOUT OUR WINE LIST:

At 9th Avenue Bistro we endeavor to reduce our carbon footprint wherever possible, if you are interested in learning more please follow blog The Responsible Restaurateur on our website. We are also passionate about promoting women in wine, so we have made note of all the female wine makers on our list.

I have labeled all wines that meet the Integrity & Sustainability SWSA criteria on the list with a ▲ symbol.

I have also labeled all wines that subscribe to Conservation in Action (BWI) which is a partnership between the South African wine industry and the conservation sector, aimed at protecting the Cape's rich floral kingdom. The wines in the Biodiversity and Wine Initiative have been noted by \*bwi

All wines that are certified will have this label on the bottle neck or a BWI sticker:



## SYMBOLS ON OUR WINE LIST:

FWM: Female wine maker

WM: Wine maker

WO: Wine of Origin

▲: Integrity & Sustainability SWSA

\*bwi: Conservation in Action

Thank you for choosing 9th Avenue Bistro

Our wine list has been carefully selected, however if you wish to bring your own wine our corkage policy is R80 per standard bottle. For more information on our wines varietals please ask your server or consult the back of the list. We also have Platters guides available on request.

\*Wine list subject to change.

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## WINES BY THE GLASS

### WHITES

2017	Ken Forrester Petit (semi-sweet).....	55
2017	Allée Bleue, Starlette Dry Rosé.....	55
2018	Kloovenberg Sauvignon Blanc.....	55
2017	Spier Chardonnay.....	60
2017	Painted Wolf, The Den Chenin Blanc.....	60
2016	Zevenwacht Sauvignon Blanc ½ bottle.....	95
NV	Secret Cellars Blanc de Blanc MCC.....	75
	9TH Avenue Bistro Bellini.....	75
	Frosé.....	70

### REDS

2018	Vondeling Merlot.....	60
2016	Dieu Donne – Cabernet/Shiraz.....	60
2016	Journey's End, Huntsman – SMV.....	65
2015	Zevenwacht Cabernet ½ bottle.....	120

### WATERS

#### Still

Verve du Cap - underground mineral source KZN	250ml.....	23
	750ml.....	41

#### Sparkling

Verve du Cap - underground mineral source	250ml.....	23
Light carbonation KZN.....	750ml.....	41
San Pellegrino (Italian) – Natural & added carbonation.....	750ml.....	51

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## BLENDING WHITES AND OTHER VARIETALS

2017	Ken Forrester Petit (semi-sweet) Δ .....	125
	WO: Stellenbosch Notes: fresh, tangy & sweet wine with notes of honey.	
	WM: Ken Forrester	
2017	Allée Bleue, Starlette Shiraz Δ .....	140
	WO: Cape South Coas	
	Notes: Crisp, Watermelon & pomegranate.	
	Winemaker: Conrad Volk	
2017	Gabrielskloof Δ *bwi .....	195
	WO: Bot Rivier	
	Notes: Ripe, red berries, zesty.	
	Winemaker: Bernhard Heyns	
2017	Haute Cabrière Chardonnay/Pinot noir.....	195
	WO: Franschhoek	
	Notes: soft apple & peachy. Wonderful soft mouthfeel	
	WM: Takuan von Arnim	
2015	Meinert Family 'The German Job' Riesling .....	215
	WO: Elgin	
	Notes: fresh floral, lime, spanspek and slightly flinty nose	
	WM: Martin Meinert	
2017	Diemersdal Grüner Veltliner Δ .....	220
	WO: Durbanville	
	Notes: sweet melon, ripe pear and white pepper notes.	
	WM: Thys Louw	
2017	Val du Charron Pinot Gris .....	230
	WO: Wellington	
	Notes: green fruit with a touch of oak, light style.	
	WM: Bertus Fourie	
2016	Paul Cluver Gewürztraminer Δ *bwi.....	235
	WO: Elgin	
	Notes: Dry style, fragrant with litchi, rose petal, summer melon	
	WM: Andries Burger	
2016	Abingdon Viognier Δ .....	385
	WO: KZN Midlands	
	Notes: Cool climate & full bodied. Peach & beeswax	
	WM: Smorthwaite Family	

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## SAUVIGNON BLANC

Very aromatic, crisp, green, lively, fresh wine. Best drunk young. Eat with pasta, fish, shellfish, spicy food, asparagus, salads

2017	Kloovenberg Δ *bwi.....	155
	WO:Swartland	
	Notes: Tropical fruit, gooseberry and hints of asparagus	
	FWM: Jolandie Fouche	
2016	Hartenberg Δ.....	220
	WO: Stellenbosch	
	Notes: white asparagus, steely core, bone dry	
	Winemaker: Carl Schultz	
2015	Springfield Life from Stone Δ .....	270
	WO: Robertson	
	Notes: a classic with its flinty, herbaceous notes & racy finish	
	WM:Abrie Bruwer	
2014	Lismore.....	435
	WO: Greyton Notes: barrel fermented, complex style w/ spice & petrol notes	
	FWM: Sam O'Keefe	
2017	Steenberg Black Swan Δ.....	525
	WO: Constantia	
	Notes: grassy flinty notes with gooseberry & lemon	
	WM: JD Pretorius	

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## CHARDONNAY

Taste affected by whether it has spent time in barrel or not wooded – buttery, vanilla, butterscotch taste, toasty aromas. Unwooded – crisp, citrusy flavours. Eat with fish, shellfish, chicken, ratatouille, salads & cheeses.

- 2017 Spier..... 155  
WO: Western Cape Notes: Grapefruit & lime with hints  
of butterscotch  
Winemaker: Anton Swarts
- 2018 Oak Valley – Beneath the Clouds.....225  
WO: Elgin ..... Notes: cool climate chardonnay, rich and balanced  
WM: Jacques Du Plesis
- 2015 Uva Mira – The Mira ..... 385  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: soft & spicy & nutty chardonnay  
Winemaker: Christiaan Coetzee
- 2016 Ataraxia ..... 525  
WO: Hermanus  
Notes: Crisp apple and lemon, integrated oak, fresh & balanced  
WM: Kevin Grant

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## CHENIN BLANC

Fruity – flavours of melon, guava, tropical fruits, granadilla, citrus, honey, apricots, butterscotch. Eat with fish, seafood, chicken.

- 2017 Painted Wolf, The Den Δ ..... 155  
WO: Swartland  
Notes: Tropical fruit, notes of sweet melon, pear, pineapple  
WM: Jeremy Borg
- 2017 Badenhorst Family Wines - Secateurs ..... 165  
WO: Swartland Notes: Flinty with honey, orange blossom & stone fruit  
Winemaker: Adi Badenhorst
- 2017 Raats Original ..... 245  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: yellow apple, pineapple core. Classic chenin  
WM: Raats Family
- 2017 Remhoogte - The Honeybunch ..... 435  
WO: Simonsberg  
Notes: floral notes of honeysuckle with zest and pineapple  
WM: Chris Boustred

## SOUTH AFRICAN BUBBLY

- NV John B Semi Sweet Rosé ..... 160  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: Spicy Turkish delight (carbonated) .....  
WM: Burger Family
- NV Secret Cellars MCC ..... 195  
WO: Franschhoek  
Notes: lemon and lime with a hint of pineapple. Creamy.  
Producer Ultra Liquors
- NV L'Ormarins Brut Δ ..... 280  
WO: Western Cape  
Notes: Fresh and crisp with a long, creamy, rounded finish.  
FWM: Zanie Viljoen
- NV Silverthorn Genie Rosé Δ ..... 435  
WO: Western Cape  
Notes: 100% shiraz, expect rose & Turkish delight  
Winemaker: John Loubser
- 2013 Colmant Brut Chardonnay ..... 545  
WO: Franschhoek  
Notes: Floral bouquet, lime blossom & toasted bread  
WM: Jean-Phillipe Colmant

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## IMPORTED WINE SELECTION

### CHAMPAGNE

NV	Moët et Chandon .....	1200
NV	Veuve Clicquot.....	1300
NV	Moët et Chandon Nectar .....	1350
NV	Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé .....	1750

• FYI: Moët et Chandon was founded by Claude Moët who was of Dutch heritage there Moët is pronounced 'Mo-wett' not 'Mo-way'

### INTERNATIONAL WHITES

2015	La Vielle Ferme Blanc.....	330
	La Vielle Ferme Blanc is a fruity, crisp and soft with great body. La Vieille Ferme is a blend of Bourboulene, Grenache blanc, Ugni Blanc & Vermentiao. Grown in the Appellation D'Origine Contrôlée north of Avignon by the Perrin Family.	
2014	Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt Wiltinger Riesling.....	595
	At more than 650 years old Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt is one of the most historical Riesling properties in the Mosel. No other German wine estate owns as many top single vineyard sites among the Mosel, Saar and Ruwer rivers. Their steep slopes all require hand harvesting. Which makes this a classic German Riesling to enjoy. .	
2010	Duveau Le Saumur Blanc .....	612
	Saumur is an appellation in the heart of France's Loire Valley. Fabien Duveau is an 8th generation winemaker on his family's estate. This Chenin is well balanced & tropical a good partner with chicken dishes.	
2015	Grand Vin De Bourgogne Louis Lateur Chablis .....	895
	Maison Louis Latour's Chablis is the ultimate expression of what the noble chardonnay grape is capable of on the regions famous Kimmeridgian limestone slopes. This Chablis has a lovely pale gold colour and a bouquet of white fruits, Muscat and almond. It is round, rich and supple in the mouth. A good partner with seafood.	

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## INTERNATIONAL REDS

- 2012 Anté Barbera d'Asti..... 545  
A classic Barbera from the region of Asti Piedmont, matured in new and second passage French oak for 12 months. This Barbera is intense and rich but balanced with sweet spicy notes.
- 2014 E. Guigal Château E'Ampus Côtes-Du- Rhône..... 585  
Deeply rooted in the terroirs of the region, Marcel and Phillippe Guigal are dedicated with passion and discipline aiming to make the finest wines in the Rhône Valley. The motto of Château E'Ampus Côtes 'Hard work reaps its rewards' illustrates this family's philosophy of quality aimed at achieving wines of the fullest expression of the appellation.
- 2014 Longavi Cabernet Sauvignon..... 780  
A wine of stature from the Maule Valley, De Los Andes in Chile. This cabernet is full bodied with concentrated black fruit with a hint of sweet spices. A collaboration between South African winemaker David Niewoudt & Chilean producer Julio Boudon this wine is crafted to age well.

## RED WINES

### BLENDED REDS

- 2016 Dieu Donne Cabernet/Shiraz ..... 155  
WO: Franschoek Notes: sweet cherry & mulberry flavours, easy drinking  
WM: Stephan du Toit
- 2016 Journey's End Huntsman Shiraz/Mourvedre/Viognier ..... 160  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: dark fruit with dried herbs & liquorice  
Winemaker: Leon Esterhuizen
- 2015 Roxton by Brampton Δ Petit Verdot/shiraz/Malbec ..... 225  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: balanced fruit and oak aromas & cinnamon  
Winemaker: Richard Duckitt
- NV De Toren La Jeunesse Délicate Bordeaux Blend..... 250  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: light red, ripe Strawberries combined with rose petal  
WM: Albie Koch



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- 2015 Raka Quinary Δ Cab/Cab Franc/Merlot .....270  
WO: Klein River  
Notes: ripe berries & black cherries w/ spicy hints & vanilla.  
WM: Josef Dreyer
- 2015 Rupert & Rothschild Classique Δ Bordeaux Blend ..... 355  
WO: Western Cape Notes: well rounded with soft tannins &  
earthy undertones  
FWM: Yvonne Lester
- 2016 Creation Δ Syrah/Grenache ..... 385  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: Rich spice, blackberry with oak backbone  
Winemaker: Jean-Claude Martin
- 2016 Ataraxia Serenity Pinotage/Pinot Noir/Cinsault ..... 395  
WO: Western Cape  
Notes: Light bodied, packed with flavour, unique blend  
Winemaker: Kevin Grant
- 2013 Antonij Rupert Optima Δ Bordeaux Blend..... 450  
WO: Western Cape  
Notes: layers of spice, red and black berry fruits  
WM: Dawie Botha
- 2012 Iona One Man Band Δ Shiraz/Cab/Merlot/Petit Verdot ..... 520  
WO: Elgin .....  
Notes: Dense & powerful, ripe red berries & spice  
WM: Chris Williams
- 2015 Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal Δ \*bwi Sangiovese/Pinot/Neb ..... 675  
WO: Walker Bay  
Notes: rich character, polished with red & black wild berries  
WM: P Finlayson

## OTHER VARIETALS

- 2016 Illimis Δ Cinsault ..... 315  
WO: Darling  
Notes: light style. Candy floss & berries. Unfiltered & unfined.  
FWM: Lucinda Heyns
- 2015 Bosman ero D'avola..... 395  
WO: Wellington  
Notes: Prune & plum, smoky depth of flavour  
Winemaker: Corlea Fourie
- 2014 Idiom Collection Sangiovese ..... 470  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: raspberry & black cherry spice with hints of liquorice  
WM: Reino Thiar

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## MERLOT

Bright, cardinal colour, Plush coffee and chocolate aromas. Velvety body. Eucalyptus, peppermint, chocolate, cinnamon, nougat, almond aromas. Pairs well with traditional Sunday roast lamb & vegetables or roast chicken with butternut. A perfect match for a hearty shank & lentils.

2018	Vondeling Δ *Bwi .....	145
	WO: Voor Paardeberg	
	Notes: Ripe plum, blackberries & dark mint chocolate	
	WM: Matthew Copeland	
2016	La Bri Δ .....	270
	WO: Franschhoek	
	Notes: mix of fresh cherries, nutmeg and cedar oak.	
	FWM: Irene Waller	
2016	De Grendel Δ .....	295
	WO: Durbanville	
	Notes: chocolaty tannins with savoury elegance & fruit.	
	FWM Elzette Dupreez	
2005	Meerlus .....	750
	WO: Stellenbosch	
	Notes: Plum & cherry aromas with soft spices & chocolate	
	WM: C Williams	

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## SHIRAZ

Green pepper, black peppercorn, cinnamon, caramel, fudge flavours. Taste of plummy fruits, milled black pepper. Enjoy with game and beef dishes.

- 2015 Gabrielskloof Δ \*Bwi ..... 225  
WO: Bot Rivier  
Notes: Juicy and spicy with luscious berry aromas. Silky  
WM: Bernhard Heyns
- 2017 Allesverloren Δ ..... 295  
WO: Swartland  
Notes: plums & hints of black pepper, cigar box notes  
WM: Danie Malan
- 2014 Tamboerskloof Syrah Δ ..... 395  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: berry-driven with white pepper. Savoury palate  
WM: Gunter Shultz
- 2016 Hartenberg Δ ..... 475  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: whole black peppercorns, with raspberry & blackberry  
WM: Carl Shultz
- 2013 Luddite ..... 900  
WO: Bot River  
Notes: Powerful, dark fruit with black pepper & oriental spices  
WM: Niels Verburg

## MAGNUM

- 2014 Myles Mossop 'MAX' Cab/Merlot/Petit Verdot ..... 1299  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: Classic structure, rich complexity 1.5L  
WM: Miles Mossop

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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Solid red-black colour. Flavours of blackberries, blackcurrant, cassis, tobacco, cedar, licorice. A perfect accompaniment to grilled beef, especially with a Béarnaise sauce & rocket salad.

- 2017 Glen Carlou Δ \*bwi.....250  
WO: Paarl  
Notes: complex with slight spiciness, soft tannins  
WM: Johnnie Calitz
- 2017 Springfield Whole Berry Δ.....390  
WO: Robertson  
Notes: Astonishingly soft and velvety showing great fruit & flavour  
WM: A Bruwer
- 2014 Thelema Δ .....479  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: Bone dry complex & stylish, ripe blackcurrant & coffee.  
WM: Gyles Webb
- 1997 Springfield Methode Ancienne ..... 2000  
WO: Robertson  
Notes: Intense black current notes, good fruit balance, spicy.  
WM: Abrie Bruwer

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## PINOTAGE

Aroma – red berry fruits, tropical banana or papaya, spicy cloves. Young, fruity. Fortunately Pinotage is a versatile food wine and especially pairs well with venison dishes & slow roasted Karoo lamb.

- 2017 Backsberg Δ- certified carbon neutral ..... 199  
WO: Paarl  
Notes: Ripe mulberry & sweet strawberry with supple tannins .....  
FWM: Alicia Rechner
- 2017 Diemersfontein Δ ..... 250  
WO: Wellington  
Notes: Crowd pleasers, espresso, tobacco with sweet/savoury finish  
WM: F Roode
- 2016 Beyerskloof Reserve (Bush vines) Δ..... 325  
WO: Stellenbosch  
Notes: good structure, excellent balance & long juicy finish  
WM: Anri Truter
- 2008 Grangehurst ..... 400  
WO: Somerset West  
Notes: Classy, earthy notes & forest floor  
Winemaker: Jeremy Walker

## PINOT NOIR

The natural acidity makes it a perfect partner with a diversity of dishes. To be drunk with game fish, game birds & venison work very well, as does grilled beef and strong, hard cheese.

- 2016 La Vierge Seduction Δ ..... 195  
WO: Hemel-en-Aarde  
Notes: expressive dark fruit with plum and black cherry  
WM: Gerhard Smith
- 2013 Domaine Des Dieux Josephine ..... 399  
WO: Hemel-en-Aarde  
Notes: Earthy & cinnamon tones w/ delicate dark fruit  
WM: Marc Van Halderen
- 2017 Newton Johnson Family Vineyards Δ..... 720  
WO: Hemel-en-Aarde  
Notes: Red berries & graphite with forest floor nuances  
WM: G Newton-Johnson

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## AFTER DINNER DRINKS

### DESSERT WINES

GL Waterford Heatherleigh .....	39
GL Glen Carlou The Welderer .....	43
GL Klein Constantia Vin de Constance .....	89

### 'PORT' STYLE

2008 Allesverloren vintage .....	30
Boplaas Cape Tawny .....	35

### COGNAC

Bisquit Classique V.S. ....	45
Hennessy V.S.O.P. ....	59
Remy Martin V.S.O.P. ....	59

### SHERRY

Monis Full Cream .....	20
Monis Medium Cream .....	20
Monis Dry .....	20

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## DIGESTIVES & APERITIFS

Jagermeister .....	32
Grappa di Chardonnay .....	39
Iona Grappa.....	35
Disaronno Amaretto.....	32
Frangelico .....	32
Cointreau .....	32
Drambuie.....	32
Don Julio Reposado .....	45
Wilderer Calvado .....	45

## COCKTAILS

Frosé .....	70
Mojito .....	65
Cosmopolitan.....	65
Margarita .....	65
Long Island Ice Te .....	75
Gin or Vodka Martini.....	65
Strawberry Daiquiri .....	65
Virgin Daiquir .....	45
Bloody Mary .....	60
9th Avenue Bellini .....	75

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Further information on the varietals we stock

## WHITES

### SAUVIGNON BLANC

Prefers cooler climates and some brilliant examples are produced around the Cape. This wine is enjoyed young and crisp and is aromatic with high acidity and if left too long the freshness fades without the added complexity. Usual flavours range from gooseberry, green pepper, guava and straw to citrus, asparagus and grass. Sauvignon Blanc provides excellent companions to salad, seafood and Thai dishes.

### CHARDONNAY

Is the most popular of all white grape varieties although not the most widely planted variety in the world. The original fame of Chardonnay comes from its success in the Burgundy and Champagne regions in France. In SA we produce 3 styles of Chardonnay; the first is un-oaked in which the grape prefers cooler climates and develops less acidity than sauvignon blanc, yet it is light, crisp and appley. The second is lightly wooded and goes well with richer foods, and the third style is full-bodied and "fat", with tropical lushness and butterscotch richness. Chardonnay takes well to oak, and also ages well in the bottle. It matches very well with Chicken and rich dishes that incorporate butter and cream. Most Chardonnays lack the acid to match well with seafood unlike Sauvignon blanc or Rieslings. Key flavours are Melon, butter, apple, vanilla and biscuit.

### CHENIN BLANC

Is a white grape that is commonly grown in the Loire Valley in France, in California and in SA and is our most widely planted grape variety. It produces white wines that are fragrant, high in acid and can range in style from dry to very sweet, depending on the wine maker. Due to high acidity in wines made from Chenin Blanc they tend to age well and the grape is also used to make sparkling wines of notable quality. Chenin Blanc is known elsewhere as Pineau de la Loire and in South Africa it used to be called Steen. Key flavours in dry Chenin Blanc include: lemon, almond, green apple and guava. In sweet: honey, spice and beeswax.

### VIOGNIER

Viognier is traditionally associated with Northern Rhone in France – partly Condrieu and is not widely planted elsewhere in the world. It is similar to Gewürztraminer because of its aromatic and slightly floral qualities and its popularity has increased since the 1980s. It is most often associated with peach and apricot flavours with hints of blossoms or flowers. A certain toastiness and complexity can also be found when the wine has been wooded. Viognier pairs with food containing ginger and five-spice, and matches chicken, fish and creamy, reduced sauces. Try our Abingdon Viognier from KZN's only wine estate, in the Natal Midlands.

### RIESLING



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Riesling is considered one of the noble grape varieties for wine making. Grown widely in Alsace and on the banks of the Rhine, it is uncommon in Cape and produces wines of high acidity and elegance in very cool growing conditions. It usually shows fresh fruit flavours and zesty character and has the ability to produce wines that vary from bone dry to very sweet, but is usually produced in dry or semi-dry styles. It has perfumed aromas of peach and honeysuckle with a palate of pear, apricot, nutmeg and cream. Try the Meinert Family Collection Riesling on our list.

## SEMILLON

A versatile grape that produces lush, fresh fruit flavours, which match beautifully with lobster, creamed pastas and spiced dishes. It is used to create excellent individual wines in Australia. Semillon originated in France, where it is often blended with Sauvignon blanc and barreled to produce a fine dry Bordeaux. Semillon ages well and is great with chicken, seafood and stews. Often referred to as the ultimate food wine!

## REDS

### GRENACHE

The world's second most widely planted grape variety, originating in the Northern Provinces of Spain before spreading to Rioja and Navarre. It has subsequently been planted extensively both North and South of the Pyrenees, notably in Roussillon. It is distinctive for black pepper, spice, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. Grenache can be quite tannic, with a lean mid palate. The leanness of the wine can make it a good partner to spicy, fatty lamb dishes and other rich Middle Eastern & Mediterranean foods. A good example on our list is the Belleruche Côtes-Du-Rhône which is a blend of Grenache and Syrah.

### MOURVÉDRE

Mourvèdre is one of the better travelled of France's vines and is sometimes called Mataro or Manstrelle, The Spanish towns of Murviedro and Mataro, near Valencia and Catalonia respectively, have each been cited as the original home of this vine. The vine has, nevertheless, been planted in the south of France for at least four centuries. The wine produced from Mourvèdre can be heady stuff as it is picked as ripe as possible; consequently the alcohol can be high. It is known for its big tannins and has an almost gamey flavour when young. The lighter blends will complement curries and meat Carpaccio's. A Shiraz/ Mourvèdre blend will go well with Oxtail, pepper steaks and venison. The Mourvèdre on our list is Adoro and is a natural sweet red and goes perfectly with cheese.

### SHIRAZ

Also known as Syrah, it is believed to be the oldest varietal, originating from the town of Shiraz nearly ten thousand years ago. Cleopatra is even thought to have enjoyed this age-old wine. It produces dark inky wines that

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are characteristically aromatic. Key flavours include black fruits, pepper, tobacco, smoke and spice. Heavier foods such as red meats, roast duck and Venison are enhanced when paired with Shiraz.

## NEBBIOLO

A native of the north western region of Piedmont, this variety produces some of the best quality wine in Italy with the potential to age well. The name developed from the word nebbia, or fog, which occurs frequently in Piedmont in October during the harvest. Expect blackberry and dark cherry flavours. Although the grapes have a strong tannin structure, there may be plenty of soft ripe tannins on the palate. A full-flavoured excellent food wine complimenting hearty stews, roasts and rich pastas. Good with oily fish such as tuna and yellowtail.

## MALBEC

Although it is one of the five traditional grape varieties for the Bordeaux blend, Malbec is now more associated with Argentina, especially the Mendoza region at the foot hills of the Andes. It is a rich and velvety, lush-textured, robust and plummy wine with medium tannins. Malbec is great with beef especially when char-grilled.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Known as the grandest of all red wine varietals, it hails from the Bordeaux region of France. The grape prefers warmer climates and gravelly soils, and under the correct conditions can produce outstanding wines that can be kept for many years. Full bodied, deep in colour and high in tannins. This wine offers flavours of blackcurrant, mint, chocolate, cassis and typical herbaciousness. Assertive tannins are evident and together with the good relation to wood this wine improves beautifully with age.

## CABERNET FRANC

Ripening earlier than Cabernet Sauvignon, it acts both as a great blender and independent wine. The name used for it in the middle Loire is Breton. It is also grown in California, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. Flavours are dazzling with lush, ripe berries, framed by elegant oak, vanilla, tobacco and fine leather notes. The tannins are generally smooth and voluptuous, allowing excellent ageing potential. The Raka Quinary is a blend of Cabernet, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit verdot.

## SANGIOVESE

The name originates from the term Blood of Jupiter. It is the main component in Chianti and is responsible in Tuscany for Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile de Montepulciano. A late ripening grape, Sangiovese grows well in SA, where there is a less chance of the winter cold setting in early. It is light in style and fruity with intense flavours of cherry, plum, herbs and tobacco and is often blended with other wines. Try our Fattoria Chianti Rufina Basciano from Italy or Terra Del Capo from the Cape.

## RIOJA

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Tempranillo is the main grape of Rioja. It is the equivalent of Pinot Noir in France. The region has three classifications of its wine, which helps you understand the quality of the wine. 1. Crianza, loosely translated means nursery. Before it is released the wine must spend one year in a French or American oak in the Bordelaise size barrel, which is 225L. 2. Reserva must spend one year in the barrel and two years in the bottle before it is released. 3. Gran Reserva is made only in the best years and must spend two years in the barrel and two years in the bottle before released. Because of its classifications the wines are produced with a very high standard. On our list we stock the Sierra Cantabria Rioja Reserva.

## PINOTAGE

A uniquely South African grape varietal, used to be a cross between Cinsault (Hermitage) and Pinot Noir. Although Pinotage has taken some characteristics from its parents it has a personality all of its own with key flavours of; Jam, banana, smoke, earth and cherry. It has recently become popular due the movement of using coffee and chocolate notes such as Diemersfontein Pinotage on our list.

## PINOT NOIR

Originating from Burgundy this thin-skinned grape is notoriously temperamental to grow, so much so that it is known as the 'heartbreak grape". Pinot Noir has a bit of an identity crisis in that it is a red grape variety that can present as a white grape. It is silky in texture and light to medium bodied. The key flavours are violets, black cherry and cigar smoke and it can develop a 'barnyard" aroma with age. Pinot Noir is used to make sparkling wines and is often used in white wine blends such as Haute Cabrière. Pinot Noir is also delicious on its own.

## PORT

Originating in Portugal, port is a sweet, fortified, heavy, flavorful red (sometimes white) wine. In SA we use the name Cape Ruby, Cape Tawny and so on depending on the style of the port. As with Champagne you are forbidden to use the name unless the wine comes from that region. There are five styles of port Ruby, vintage and vintage reserve, late bottled vintage, tawny and white. Port pairs wonderfully with cheese.

## BARBERA

Originates in Italy where it is widely grown and enjoys a warm climate. It is medium bodied, low in tannins, firm and fresh with a high acidity. Barbera's natural acidity is valuable when it comes to food and wine pairing matching well with char-grilled foods such as grilled prawns with a squeeze of lemon and tomato based dishes. Try the Calissano Barbera d'Asti with our grilled prawns.

## CARMENÉRE

Originating in the Bordeaux region this grape had to be uprooted and moved to Chile (also known as Grand Vidure) as it was almost wiped out by

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phylloxera and oidium. Carmenère wines are usually deeply coloured and are well structured with smooth, well-rounded tannins, and ripe berry fruit flavours. Try our Cassilero Del Diablo from Chile.

## BORDEAUX

Hailing from the Bordeaux region in France this red wine is made by blending a number of different grape varieties namely: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The exact proportion of the varieties can vary.

## TANNAT

Historically grown in South West France in the Madiran AOC, and is now one of the most prominent grapes in Uruguay, where it is considered the "national grape" It is also grown in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Peru, South Africa, Bolivia, and in the Italian region of Apulia, where it is used as a blending grape. The wine is notable for its very high tannin levels and is often blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet franc and Fer to soften the astringency and make it more approachable

## TOURIGA NACIONAL

Touriga Nacional is a variety of red wine grape, considered by many to be Portugal's finest. Despite the low yields from its small grapes, it plays a big part in the blends used for ports, and is increasingly being used for table wine in the Douro and Dao. Touriga Nacional provides structure and body to wine, with high tannins and concentrated flavours of black fruit.

## Trincadeira

Tinta Amarela or Trincadeira is a red wine grape that is commonly used in Port wine production. The grape is noted for its dark coloring. Its use in the Douro region has been increasing in recent years. The vine is susceptible to rot and performs better in dry, hot climates. It is one of the most widely planted grape varieties in Portugal. It is the oldest and most widely planted grape variety in the Alentejo region, where it is called Trincadeira. The wine tends to be full-bodied and rich, with aromas of blackberries, herbs and flowers.

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Wine growing area's of the Cape.

## WINEGROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

### COASTAL REGION

Districts:

- SWARTLAND
- STELLENBOSCH
- TYGERBERG
- CAPE POINT
- CONSTANTIA (WARD)
- TULBAGH
- PAARL
- DARLING

### KLEIN KAROO REGION

Districts:

- CALITZDORP
- UPPER LANGKLOOF (WARD)

### WARDS NOT PART OF A REGION

- CERES
- CEDERBERG
- LOWER ORANGE
- PRINCE ALBERT VALLEY

### OLIFANTS RIVER REGION

Districts:

- LUTZVILLI VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL VALLEY
- CITRUSDAL MOUNTAIN

### BREEDE RIVER VALLEY REGION

Districts:

- BREEDEKLOOF
- WORCESTER
- ROBERTSON
- SWELLENHAM

### DISTRICTS NOT PART OF A REGION

- OVERBERG
- WALKER BAY
- DOUGLAS
- CAPE AGULHAS
- ROTRIVIER



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CIROC	41

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JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK .....	49
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JOHNNIE WALKER PLATINUM .....	75
JOHNNIE WALKER BLUE .....	200
BELLS	29
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CAOL LLA .....	49
PEAT MONSTER .....	55
CHIVAS .....	50

## WHISKEY

JAMESON .....	39
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## SINGLE MALTS

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## BOURBON

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## BRANDIES

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KLIPDRIFT .....	30
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## RUM

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## BEERS/CIDERS/COOLERS

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PERONI .....	36
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