



WINE LIST

**Welcome to Tsala Treetop Lodge,
a unique celebration of the African Spirit**

We have endeavoured to present you a selection of some of the many wonderful wines that South Africa has to offer.

As with art, music and literature, wine appreciation is a matter of aesthetics, for a wine too has properties of balance, harmony and complexity.

Weight: the body of the wine should match the "heaviness" of the food.

Intensity: a wine with a powerful flavour should accompany powerfully flavoured dishes.

Acidity: food containing citrus or vinegar calls for a wine with acidity to match.

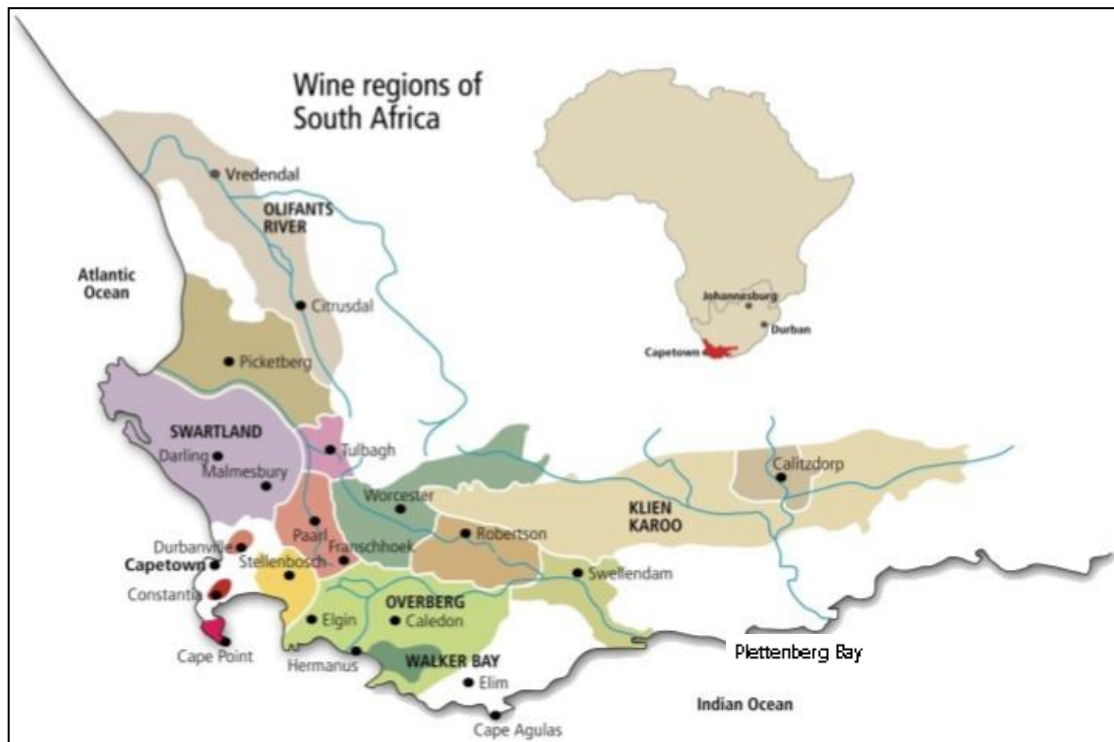
Salty dishes: balance salty foods with slightly sweeter wines.

Sweetness: the sweetness of the wine should at least equal the food.

Texture: certain foods like chocolate can coat your mouth and affect your taste buds.

Tannin: robust red wine tends to turn metallic when served with fish and bitter with salt.

We invite you to spend time in our wine cellar, elevated deck areas or intimate dining room and join us for a "journey" through the tapestry of tastes and textures of Tsala.



CELLAR SELECTION WHITE

- Paul Cluver Riesling '18** 320
An aromatic bouquet of rose petal, litchi and mango with a lingering sweet citrus and green apple finish
Winemaker - Andries Burger, Elgin
- Driefontein Sauvignon Blanc- Wooded '15** 465
Ripe tropical flavours, hints of vanilla with fragrant floral notes. Balanced acidity and a long refreshing finish.
Winemaker - Jasper Raats, Stellenbosch
- Jordan Chardonnay '17** 475
Old world, barrel fermented "sur lie" with ripe citrus fruit and a well balanced lemon biscuit structure.
Winemaker - Gary & Kathy Jordan, Stellenbosch
- Babylonstoren Chardonnay '17** 595
Fresh, fine grained nose of quince and freshly cracked walnuts. Tangy citrus fruits softened by undertones of vanilla and a nutty complexity.
Winemaker - Klaas Stoffberg & Charl Coetzee, Paarl
- Avondale Anima Chenin Blanc '15** 595
The palate is dense with fresh fruit flavours of gooseberry, quince and peach, all harmonizing superbly with the soulful minerality that gives this wine its name.
Winemaker - Cornè Marais, Paarl
- Rupert & Rothschild Nadine Baroness Chardonnay '17** 600
Fresh aromas of lemon and grapefruit with a round, soft, fine structure and flavours of toasted macadamia nuts and an elegant lasting finish.
Winemaker - Yvonne Lester, Franschhoek
- Raats Old Vine Chenin Blanc '17** 800
Restrained, yet complex ripe pear, orange blossom and spice. On the palate the wine shows granadilla, pineapple and lemongrass with a vibrant acidity.
Winemaker - Gavin Bruwer Slabbert, Stellenbosch

CELLAR SELECTION

RED

- Hartenberg Merlot '15** 475
A rich bouquet of dark fruits and star anise. Fine tannins with a smoky cedar palate. Well structured, allowing a smooth, velvety finish
Winemaker - Carl Schultz, Stellenbosch
- Grangehurst Nikela - Cape Blend '06** 595
A Cape blend consisting of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Shiraz and Merlot with a clear, bright ruby colour, ripe red berry fruit, slightly nutty and smoky aromas.
Winemaker - Jeremy Walker, Stellenbosch (a tribute to his parents)
- Kevin Arnold Shiraz '14** 645
An iconic wine with floral, perfume notes and clove pepper spice lead the aromatics of this Stellenbosch Shiraz, accompanied by soft leather and liquorice undertones.
Winemaker - Mark Le Roux, Stellenbosch
- Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon '17** 720
Bold crème de cassis, cigar box and liquorice are subtly supported by notes of black currant and dark chocolate.
Winemaker - Coenie Snyman, Stellenbosch
- Ataraxia Pinot Noir '15** 730
Beautiful light ruby hue, a sweet & savoury complex. Cherries, & caramel with hidden Minerality. Soft integrated tannins with a warm finish
Winemaker— Kevin Grant, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

"Wine is not just an object of pleasure, but an object of knowledge; and the pleasure depends on the knowledge." Roger Scruton

Rainbow's End Family Reserve '16	735
Aromas of mint, tobacco and earthy characteristics with some cassis, chocolate and blackberries combine to create a harmonious symphony in the mouth. Winemaker – Anton Malan, Stellenbosch	
Kanonkop Pinotage '17	985
Alluringly complex and distinctive, it boasts juicy layers of dark berries, cassis and plum. Intertwined with hints of banana and mocha with a smoky, mineral undercurrent. Winemaker - Abrie Beeslaar, Stellenbosch	
Meerlust Rubicon '15	1025
An iconic Bordeaux style red. Full-bodied. Brooding aromas of dark fruit, cassis and liquorice with an intricate palate of rich dark chocolate and tobacco spice. Winemaker– Chris Williams, Stellenbosch	
DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage'14	1340
Ink-dark coloured wine with great concentration, intense black fruit and complexity. A well-structured wine with a rich middle palate and a long, lingering finish. Winemaker - Danie De Waal, Stellenbosch	

"The connoisseur does not drink wine but tastes of its secrets. "
Salvador Dali

LOCAL IS “LEKKER”

To non-South Africans, “Local is Lekker” is a common phrase meaning the things close to home are often the best. Lekker (adjective) actually means delicious, but is also used to describe something as nice, cool, awesome and many more similar descriptions. The most important part is the rolling “r” at the end... lekk-irrrr Plettenberg Bay has not until recent years been associated as a wine destination but this perception is fast changing.

Plettenvale Chardonnay

255

A wooded Chardonnay shows fragrances citrus and stone fruit on the nose, with a lingering freshness and round mouth feel on the pallet.

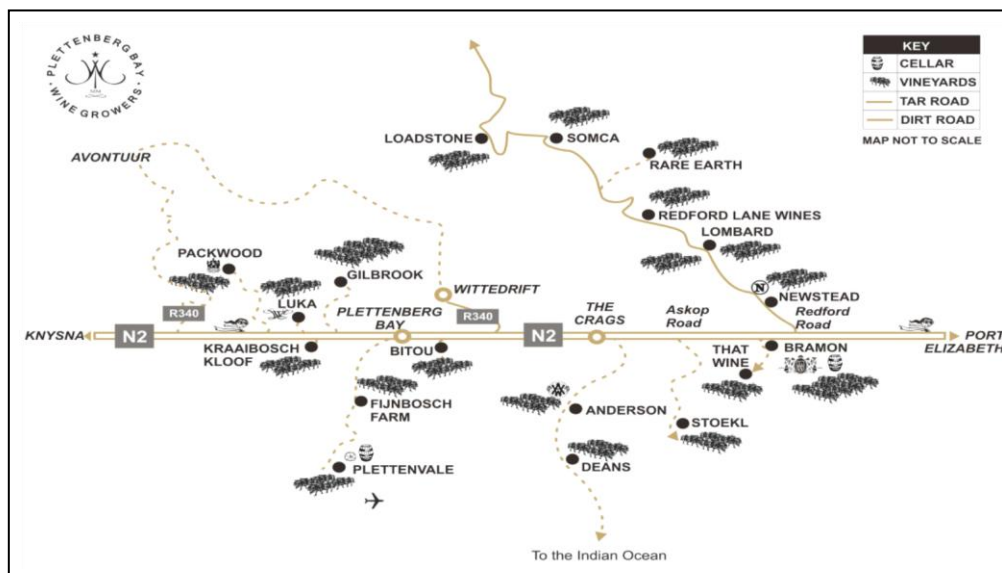
Winemaker – Gloria Strack van Schyndel, Plettenberg Berg

Bramon Méthode Cap Classique NV

530

A zesty Cap Classique that has made history being the first of its kind in the beautiful Garden Route.

Winemaker - Anton Smal, Crag



“Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized.”

~ Andre Simon, Commonsense of Wine

MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

Bartiney Noble Savage Brut

105/390

A sophisticated MMC with refined bubbles and rich expression. A blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir result in a racy zest with a refreshingly crisp acidity.

Winemaker - Ronell Wiid, Helshoogte Stellenbosch

L'Avenir Brut Rosé `16

125/520

Lovely blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinotage and Pinot Meunier. Refreshing strawberries, red cherries with notes of brioche in the bouquet which follow through on the palate.

Winemaker - Tinus Els, Stellenbosch

La Motte Brut NV

795

A fine mousse promising an exciting fresh wine with dimension. The nose shows fresh apple, with aromas of baked bread and roasted nuts with a low acidity.

Winemaker - Michael Langenhoven, Franschoek

CHAMPAGNE

Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial NV

1540

A golden yellow colour with green highlights with a sparkling bouquet of vibrant green apple and blond notes of nuts and white flowers.

Winemaker - Benoit Gouez, France

Veuve Clicquot NV

1650

A predominance of Pinot Noir provides the typical Clicquot structure and a touch of Meunier rounds out the blend whilst Chardonnay adds elegance and finesse.

Winemaker - Pierre Casenave, France

Dom Pérignon NV

3600

Nose filling aromas, all the way to the huge finish. A cacophony of scents: smoke, spices, saffron, sweet yellow pepper, mustard seed and rainwater.

Winemaker - Richard Geoffroy, France

"Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!" –

Dom Pérignon, monk and cellar master attributed to the discovery of champagne, upon first tasting it.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

First Sighting '19 65/240

Intense mineral character, lovely fresh green notes complimented by a smooth rounded mouth feel.

Winemaker - Conrad Vlok, Elim

Southern Right '18 265

An intense nose of peaches, apricots and minerality with citrus fruit and a hint of lime. This is a mouth-watering Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaker - Hannes Storm, Western Cape

Springfield Life from Stone '18 300

Fresh and flinty nose, crisp acidity, medium bodied –powerful granadilla flavours on the palate.

Winemaker - Abrie Bruwer, Robertson

CHENIN BLANC

Mullineux Kloof Street '19 75/250

Sun-ripened pears and wet granite followed by a vibrant acidity balanced with a soft, round mouth feel.

Winemaker - Chris and Andrea Mullineux, Swartland

Simonsig Avec Chene 385

Fresh floral notes with a hint of vanilla, a beautiful palate of honey and melon.

Well balanced acidity with a fruit filled, oaky finish

Winemaker - Johan Malan, Stellenbosch

Rijk's Private Cellar '14 465

Concentrated aromas of succulent nectarine and melon with layers of citrus and butterscotch.

Winemaker - Pierre Wahl, Tulbagh

"A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine."

-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, French gastronome

CHARDONNAY

The Goose - unwooded '18

70/270

Rich and well balanced with an incredibly fruity palate. Pineapple and peach with a slightly citrus nose. Medium acidity with a long, lingering finish.

Winemaker - Hannes Nel, Western Cape

De Wetshof Bon Vallon - unwooded '18

310

Clean freshness leading into a wide spectrum of classic flavours including citrus, wild flowers and grilled nuts, with a nuanced minerality.

Winemaker - Pieter De Wet, Robertson

Hartenberg '16

85/340

Crisp citrus with hints of minerality, a peach and vanilla nose. Elegant, creamy oak finish

Winemaker - Carl Schultz, Stellenbosch

Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat '17

405

Beautifully fresh and crisp with obvious gooseberry flavours surrounded by subtle oak nuances derived from best French oak barrels.

Winemaker - Peter Finlayson, Walker Bay, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

RIESLING /GEWÜRZTRAMINER

Nitida Weisser Riesling '18

85/260

Intense aromas of rosemary and frangipani, medium bodied with vibrant acidity and a sweet citrus finish.

Winemaker - Daniel Keulder, Durbanville

Delheim Gewürztraminer '18

305

Fragrant perfume, litchi and subtle spice on the nose. Full, lingering fruit palate.

Winemaker - Reg Holder, Stellenbosch

"When there is plenty of wine, sorrow and worry takes wing"
Homer, Odyssey 9th Century B.C

ROSE

De Wetshof Lilya Rose '19

230

A blended rosé with flora aromas and freshness on the palate with hints of red berries, stone-fruit and plums, leaving a lingering undertone of light spice and honeycomb.

Winemaker – Peter de Wet, Robertson

Hermanuspietersfontein Bloos '18

65/250

A Bordeaux style blend Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The aroma of fresh red fruit. On the palate it is subtle and round, with freshness and complexity.

Winemaker - Wilhelm Pienaar, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Hermanus

Glen Carlou Pinot Noir Rose '18

265

A fresh bouquet of tropical fruits and raspberry. Rose petal undertones with clean acidity, leaving a well-rounded mineral finish.

Winemaker - Johnnie Calitz, Paarl

Waterford Rose-Mary '18

275

A welcome blend of Shiraz, Merlot, Grenache, Tempranillo and Malbec. The aroma is driven with delicate fresh raspberry and apricot fruit.

Winemaker - Mark Le Roux, Western Cape

SHIRAZ/SYRAH

Jordan The Prospector Syrah '16

105/400

Deep red in colour showing slight brownish hues, aromas of dark berries, tobacco smoke, fynbos, spice and old leather, great full-bodied palate.

Winemaker - Tjaak Nelson, Stellenbosch

Strandveld Syrah '14

505

A full-bodied wine with cloves, cracked black pepper and spicy aromas. Layered with intense black berry fruit flavours. A rich palate with firm tannins backed by well-integrated oak.

Winemaker - Conrad Vlok, Elim

PINOTAGE

- Lanzerac Pinotage '17** 410
An excellent deep colour, ripe berries and plums on the nose and a palate with a good mouth-feel and lingering aftertaste in this complex wine
Winemaker - Wynand Lategan, Stellenbosh
- Kaapzicht '17** 90/390
Forward wild fruit, prune and youngberry with toasted cedar, vanilla and gun smoke.
Winemaker - Danie Steytler, Stellenbosch
- Eikendal '17** 425
A bouquet of red and dark fruit with a hint of spice. Well balanced tannins allow for a lingering cherry and vanilla aftertaste.
Winemaker - Nico Groblar, Stellenbosch
- Flagstone Writers Block '16** 630
Incredibly dark and deep purple colour, with lively bright purple edges. Intense, concentrated aromas of wild blueberry, mulberry and ripe cherry supported by smoky, spicy dark chocolate undertones.
Winemaker - Gerhard Swart, Somerset West

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- Rustenberg '18** 70/265
Aroma profiles of dark berries and tobacco with a well-structured and lengthy palate.
Winemaker - Randolph Christians, Stellenbosch
- La Motte '16** 310
Dark red colour, full of firm, ripe tannins. Tobacco spice with a hint of fresh mint.
Winemaker - Edmund Terblanche, Western Cape
- Weltevrede 1912 '16** 345
A deep purple colour, an intense mixture of berries and pepper. The palate reveals blue and blackberries, pomegranate and white pepper.
Winemaker - Philip Jonker and Weltevrede farm workers, Bonnievale

MERLOT

Hermanuspieterfontein Posmeester '18 80/340

An elegant Merlot offering fresh fruit and generous drinkability which makes it an everyday favourite.

Winemaker - Wilhelm Pienaar, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Botriver

Amatra '16 415

Plush, ripe, purple fruit flavours and aromatics are supported by vibrant, fresh acidity to balance opulently textured mid-core palate weight.

Winemaker - Catherine Marshall, Elgin

Steenberg '16 440

Shows flavours of dark berries, basil and spearmint on the nose. As it opens up, it flows into dark chocolate, plums and cedarwood.

Winemaker - JD Pretorius, Constantia

PINOT NOIR

Sutherland '16 90/350

Pure strawberry fruit aromas and lovely perfumed forest floor characters with hints of smoky spice.

Winemaker - Rudi Schult, Elgin

De Grendal Op Die Berg '15 455

Dark fruits and red berries with hints of rooibos & cinnamon. A full-bodied fruity red with mild, lingering tannins.

Winemaker - Charles Hopkins & Elzette du Preez, Ceres

Creation '17 485

Fragrant bouquet shows a mélange of red berry aromas, elegant vanilla and wood spice.

Winemaker - Jean Claude Martin, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

Haute Cabrière Pinot Noir '15 510

Dark fruit flavours are layered with juicy red fruit, soft tannins complemented by well-integrated acidity.

Winemaker - Takuan von Arnim, Franschhoek

RED BLENDS

Stellakaya Hercules '14 320

Medium body Sangiovese blend with rustic characters, dry cherry tomatoes and hints of earthiness, natural acidity and tannin structure with a follow through of cherry flavours.

Winemaker - Ntsiki Biyela, Stellenbosch

Iona One Man Band - Rhône Style Blend '12 545

A blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Viognier and Mourvèdre. This wine shows cassis fruit, with exotic spice and red fruit notes. It is layered with fragrant ripe cherry and blackberry notes.

Winemaker - Werner Miller, Elgin

RED: SINGLE VARIETALS

Fairview Piekenierskloof Grenache '15 320

Notes of violets, mocha & ripe red cherries. Medium bodied, soft tannins and an elegant spiced finish.

Winemaker - Anthony de Jager, Piekenierskloof

Doolhof Melbec '17 468

Intense dark purple with black cherry and eucalyptus to the fore, with elements of fresh mint, fynbos and a touch of sandal wood.

Winemaker - Gielie Beukes, Wellington

Rainbow's End Cab Franc '16 575

The Intense dark purple colour. Oak perfume with blackberry and hazelnut on the nose. Broad smooth tannins with intense rich fruit and a juicy palate.

Winemaker - Anton Malan, Stellenbosch

"To take wine into our mouths is to savour a droplet of the river of human history"

Clifton Fadiman

WHITE BLENDS

Hermanuspieterfontein Barto '13 465

Well-rounded blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Nouvelle., welcomed by a flinty nose that leads into a tropical fruit filled palate with a creamy mouth feel.

Winemaker – Wilhelm Pienaar, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Botrivier

Sijnn White '14 515

Harmonious blend of Chenin Blanc, Viognier and Roussanne that delivers an attractive stone fruit, straw and honey flavour with balanced minerality.

Winemaker - David Trafford, Malgas

WHITE: SINGLE VARIETALS

Vrede & Lust Viognier '17 310

Stone fruit aromas with hints of orange blossom on the nose. Delicate notes of spice with creaminess on the palate, beautifully balanced by judicious use of Hungarian oak.

Winemaker - Susan Erasmus & Karlin Nel, Paarl

Ghost Corner Semillon '15 435

An aromatic array of green fig, pear and orange blossoms followed by a distinct minerality with slight creamy earthiness. Paying true homage to the cool climate of Elim.

Winemaker - David Nieuwoudt, Elim

“The discovery of a wine is of greater moment than the discovery of a constellation.

The universe is too full of stars.”

Benjamin Franklin

NOBLE LATE HARVEST AND NATURAL SWEET

Muldersbosch Sauvignon Blanc Noble Late Harvest '14 60/380

This dessert wine has a very recognizable aroma profile of cut grass and gooseberries with a subtle acidity on the tongue and a creamy textured finish.

Winemaker - Adam Mason, Stellenbosch

Beaumont Goutte D'Or '14 75/435

This is a pure Chenin Blanc noble late with delicious dried fruit character and a lovely balance between sweetness and acidity.

Winemaker - Sebastian Beaumont, Botriver

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance '13 310/1995

Beautiful rich gold colour with flavours of fresh marmalade and almond with youthful acidity that does not overpower but leaves a lovely lingering taste.

Winemaker - Matthew Day, Constantia

"Wine is, perhaps, the closest thing the planet has to an elixir of life".

Thom Elkjer