



## 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.

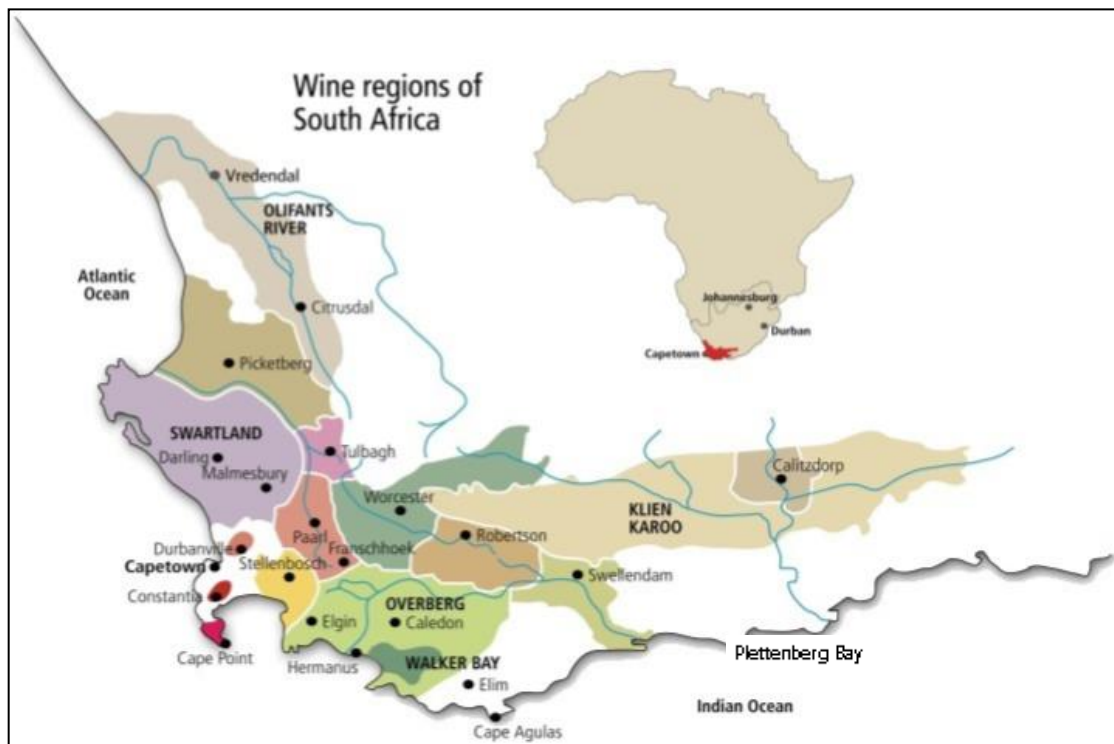
Salty dishes: balance salty foods with slightly sweeter wines.

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

**Avondale Anima Chenin Blanc '16** 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 '18** 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

## 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 '07** 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 '15** 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

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

# 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) 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

150

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

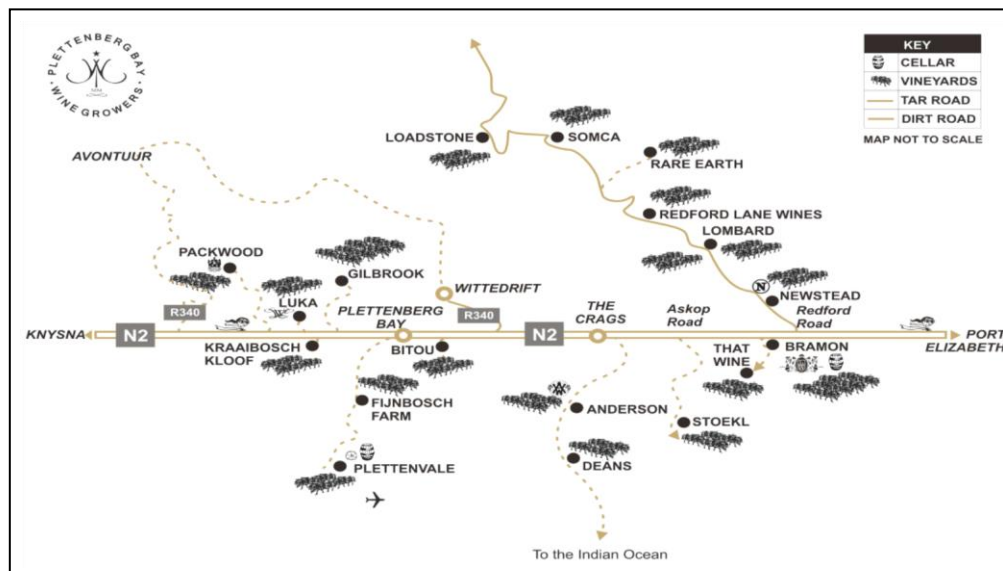
Winemaker – Gloria Strack van Schyndel, Plettenberg Berg

## Bramon Méthode Cap Classique NV

300

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

Winemaker - Anton Smal, Craggs



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

~ Andre Simon, Commonsense of Wine

## MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

### **Barttinney Noble Savage Brut**

75/305

A sophisticated MCC 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 Rose`**

95/400

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

### **Graham Beck Brut**

330

This delightful sparkling wine exudes light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose, and rich creamy complexity on the palate.  
Winemaker: Pieter Ferreira & Pierre De Klerk, Robertson

### **The Green Man**

550

Fresh aromas of green apple and acacia blossom backed up by subtle hints of minerality and whiffs of freshly baked brioche and a palate that is well balanced with an elegant structure, fine mousse which imparts a gentle explosion of bubbles on the palate and a long finish.  
Winemaker – John Loubser, Riviersonderend

## CHAMPAGNE

### **Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial NV**

1300

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**

1500

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

“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 '20**

65/240

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

Winemaker - Conrad Vlok, Elim

### **Kleine Zalze '18**

220

Intense flavours of gooseberries, kiwi, and a slight herbal interest. The palate reveals layers of complexity with mineral structure and greener notes.

Winemaker: RJ Botha, Western Cape

### **Southern Right '20**

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

## CHENIN BLANC

### **Mullineux Kloof Street '20**

60/190

A nose of sun ripened pears and wet granite. The palate is full and rich, with a mineral, spicy finish.

Winemaker – Andrea Mullineux, Swartland

### **Secateurs '20**

210

Rich lingering palate, followed by a touch of honey and orange blossom

Winemaker – Adi Badenhorst, Swartland

## RIESLING /GEWÜRZTRAMINER

### **Nitida Weisser Riesling '18**

60/210

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

Winemaker - Daniel Keulder, Durbanville

### **Delheim Gewürztraminer '17**

265

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

Winemaker - Reg Holder, Stellenbosch

## CHARDONNAY

### **Glen Carlou – unwooded '19** 60/205

With well-balanced acidity, this crisp and fresh wine delights with peach and floral aromas  
And fresh lemon flavours.

Winemaker – Johnne Calitz – Klapmuts

### **De Wetshof Bon Vallon - unwooded '19** 260

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

Winemaker - Pieter De Wet, Robertson

### **Hartenberg '17** 280

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

Winemaker - Carl Schultz, Stellenbosch

### **Jordan Barrel Fermented '18** 370

Bold and graceful with fragrances of lemon biscuit and overripe oranges. Natural balance and  
different textural components which we then blend to achieve finesse and complexity.

Winemaker – Gary & Kathy Jordan, Stellenbosch

## WHITE BLENDS

### **Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc '19** 150

Full bodied Sauvignon Blanc based blend offers a variation of fruit characters including ripe  
gooseberry, green peppers, green melon, and hints of tropical fruit.

Winemaker – George Louw, Constantia

“When there is plenty of wine, sorrow and worry takes wing”  
Homer, Odyssey 9<sup>th</sup> Century B.C

## ROSE

### **Hermanuspietersfontein Bloos '20**

55/180

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 '20**

190

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 '19**

210

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 '17**

95/335

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 '17**

350

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

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

-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, French gastronome

## PINOTAGE

### **De Waal Pinotage '16** 65/210

This is a medium bodied, fruity wine with flavours of ripe plums and cherries. Rich in flavour, With a hint of French oak on the lovely smooth finish.

Winemaker – Danie De Waal, Stellenbosch

### **Lanzerac Pinotage '17** 330

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, Stellenbosch

### **Eikendal '18** 350

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 '18** 550

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

### **Spier Signature Collection '18** 55/175

Dark plum purple in colour with ripe fruit, cherries and oak spice that follow through from nose to palate.

Winemaker – Jacques Erasmus, Stellenbosch

### **Weltevrede 1912 '16** 235

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

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



## MERLOT

### **Hermanuspieterfontein Posmeester '20** 60/200

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

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

### **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 '17** 90/310

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

Winemaker - Rudi Schult, Elgin

### **Haute Cabrière Pinot Noir '20** 435

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

Winemaker - Takuan von Arnim, Franschhoek

### **Creation '19** 485

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

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

## RED BLENDS

### **Badsberg Belladonna '17** 220

Deep red in colour with blackberry and cassis on the nose. Black berry flavours with hints of toffee, vanilla and soft tannins.

Winemaker – Willie Burger, Breedekloof

## RED: SINGLE VARIETALS

### **Doolhof Malbec '17** 350

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** 420

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

## 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

## GIN

Tanqueray	30	Musgrave Pink	35
Bombay Sapphire	30	Six Dogs Blue	40
Whitley Neil Protea	30		

## VODKA

Smirnoff	20	Absolut	28
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## WHISKY

Bells	25	Glenfiddich 12yr	50
Jameson	35	Glenlivet Single Malt	50
Johnny Walker Red	28		

## RUM

Capt. Morgan Dark	20	Bacardi White Rum	25
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## BRANDY

Richeleu	18	Van Ryn's 10yr	30
KWV 15yr	60		

## COGNAC

Rémy Martin VSOP	63	Hennessy	66
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## LIQUEURS

Amarula	20	Cointreau	38
Nachtmusiek	18	Jägermeister	25
Frangelico	28	Drambuie	35
Amaretto	30		

## TEQUILA

Jose Cuervo Gold	30	Patron	50
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