

History of South African wine



The first wine produced in South Africa was made by Jan van Riebeeck at a settlement founded by the Dutch East India Company.

The early history of South African wine can be traced to the founding of a supply station at the Cape of Good Hope by the Dutch East India Company. Jan van Riebeeck was given the task of managing the station and planting vineyards to produce wine and grapes in the Wijnberg (Wine mountain Area); that could be used to ward off scurvy for sailors continuing on their voyages along the spice route. In 1685, another Cape Governor, Simon van der Stel, purchased a large 1,850 acre (750 hectare) estate, founding what later became the world-renowned Constantia wine estate. In the 19th century, South Africa fell under British rule which proved lucrative for the wine industry as South African wine flowed into the British market. This prosperity lasted until the 1860s when the Cobden-Chevalier Treaty signed by the Palmerston government and France reduced the preferential tariffs that benefited South African wine in favor of French wine exports.

Following the devastation from the phylloxera epidemic in the late 19th century, many vineyards were replanted with high yielding grape varieties such as Cinsaut. By the early 1900s there was a large glut of wine, creating a wine lake effect which led some producers to pour their unsaleable wine into local rivers and streams. The depressed prices caused by this out-of-balance supply and demand dynamic prompted the South African government to fund the formation of the Koöperatieve Wijnbouwers Vereniging van Zuid-Afrika Bpkt (KWV) in 1918. Initially started as a co-operative, the KWV soon grew in power and prominence, setting policies and prices for the entire South African wine industry. To deal with the wine glut the KWV restricted yields and set minimum prices, encouraging the production of brandy and fortified wines.

For much of the 20th century, the wine industry of South Africa received very little attention on the worldwide stage. Its isolation was further deepened by boycotts of South African products in protest at the country's system of Apartheid. It wasn't until the late 1980s and 1990s when Apartheid was ended and the world's export market opened up those South African wines began to experience a renaissance. With a steep learning curve, many producers in South Africa quickly adopted new viticultural and winemaking technologies. The presence of flying winemakers from abroad brought international influences and focus on well-known varieties such as Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. The reorganization of the powerful KWV co-operative into a private business further sparked innovation and improvement in quality. Vineyard owners had previously relied on KWV's price-fixing structure, that bought their excess grapes for distillation. Now they had to shift their focus to quality wine production in order to compete. In 1990, less than 30% of all the grapes harvested were used for wine aimed at the consumer market, with the remaining 70% being discarded, distilled into brandy or sold as table grapes and juice. By 2003 these proportions had reversed, with more than 70% of the grapes harvested that year reaching the consumer market as wine.

Wines by the Glass

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Sauvignon Blanc



Sauvignon Blanc is a white wine that owes much of its popularity to winemakers in Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France. The name Sauvignon Blanc means “Wild White” and the grape is related to Traminer with origins in the South of France. Sauvignon Blanc is one of the most widely planted wine grapes in the world and because of this it has a wide range of styles and flavors.

Durbanville Hills 2016 ***R 140***

This full mouth-feel wine is a combination of peaches, tropical fruit, passion fruit and green apple on the palate with a zesty crispness and a lingering aftertaste.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 14.41 % vol

Stellenrust ***R 150***

- This Sauvignon Blanc has a crisp acidity with a bouquet of yellow summer fruit. At the core is a strong minerality supporting pungent fruit with the slightest bit of herbs in the backdrop.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch **Alc:** 12.50% vol

Bellingham Homestead 2015 ***R 180***

A beautiful light pale yellow tint in colour, with a golden tinge of soft melon, pear and citrus flavours on the nose and the palate offers an expected burst of citrus and tropical flavours with a crisp clean finish.

Winery Location: Franschoek Valley **Alc:** 13.50 % vol

Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it.



Chardonnay

You don't have to be a Chanel-clad clubhouse member to love Chardonnay. Chardonnay is the most diverse and most planted white wine grape in the world. It is used for everything from rich Sonoma Chardonnay to the light-and-zesty 'Blanc de Blanc' Champagne. Get to know the wide variety of styles of Chardonnay and pinpoint the one that's perfect for you.

Durbanville Hills 2015

R 142

Aromas of zesty citrus and butterscotch on the nose with hints of orange blossom and dried apricot with an elegant, well-balanced wine that fills the mouth with sweet fruit, orange zest, leading to a fresh finish.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 14.65 % vol

Rhebokskloof 2014

R 230

A full bodied wine with lots of citrus, muesli and nutty flavours well intertwined with delicate French oak.

Winery Location: Paarl **Alc:** 14.20 % vol

Linton Park Estate Range 2013

R 215

An elegant style with pronounced ripe fruit and spicy aromatics with lots of complexed Chardonnay flavours, echoing with ripe pear, fig, melon and buttery nuances.

Winery Location: Wellington **Alc:** 13.00 % vol

Anura 2015

R 140

Elegant lemon and lime and papaya flavours, combined with a floral bouquet and hints of spice and honey which are integrated with subtle French oak and mineral aromas.

Winery Location: Klipmuts **Alc:** 13.50 % vol

I like on the table when we're speaking, the light of a bottle of intelligent wine.

Chenin Blanc



Chenin blanc is probably the world's most versatile grape, being able to produce quality wines of various sweetness, including dessert wines noted for their ability, as well as sparkling made according to the méthode champenoise and fortified wines. The grape can distinguish itself as a single varietal wine, or it can add acidity as a blending component.

Durbanville Hills

R 142

Brilliant clear with green edges

Fragrant blend of ripe tropical fruit salad with a hint of citrus and green apple.

An abundance of fruity aromas, including guava, paw-paw, melon and kiwi fruit that carry through on the palate. A medium to full bodied wine with a sweet and lingering finish

Winery Location: Durbanville

Alc: 13.42% vol

Protea 2015

R 125

A little shy initially, the nose offers up some nectarine and green apricot whiffs along with a light pear note.

The palate is refreshingly lively and vibrant with ample stone fruit and lemon flavours.

Winery Location: Franschoek Valley

Alc: 13.00 % vol

Phizante Kraal 2016

R 125

Character of stone fruit and citrus, richly textured and mid palate showing mineral notes and finishing with a crisp clean finish.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 13.50 % vol

De Meye Single Vineyard Black V 2015

R 180

De Meye Chenin Blanc has flavours of passion fruit, citrus, melon and dried apricot that characterize this wine, backed by hints of minerals and fresh cut grass.

Winery Location: Muldersvlei Stellenbosch **Alc:** 12.00 % vol

White Blends and other



“White wine blends”, is a little bit of a surprise package, and revolves around the blending of Chenin Blanc with a number of different varieties from the Rhone region. These wines can include wines such as Grenache Blanc and Viognier, etc. Part of the reason for this mix is the large amount of white wine which has been produced by the Swartland area. Not all of it has been suitable for single-varietal wines, and so good blends have been produced in order to absorb the wine lake.

Stellenrust Kleine Rust 2016

R 95

The nose expresses guava, white peach and pear drop notes. The palate shows luscious ripe tropical fruit with a hint of herbs, a lingering aftertaste of grape-fruit and a zesty acidity.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 13.25 % vol

Zonnebloem Blanc de Blanc 2016

R 110

Clear with tinges of green. Bouquet: Lots of guava aromas with a tropical fruit finish. A medium-bodied wine with a refreshing, crisp acidity, plenty of tropical fruit flavours such as guava and sweet melon that linger long on the aftertaste

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 12.02% vol

Theuniskraal Bouquet blanc 2016

R 100

Colour: Straw with greenish tints.

Bouquet: Aromas of spice and floral flavours from the Gewürtztraminer combined with sunripe raisins and a whiff of Muscat flavours.

Taste: Fresh and sweet with a complexity of fruit flavours and a lingering aftertaste.

Winery Location: Tulbagh

Alc: 9.9% vol

I want great food and wine, and friends to enjoy it all



Rosé

Winemakers create rosé wines by juicing red grapes and then allowing the juice to soak with the skins for a very short period, usually only two to three days. As soon as the juice begins to take on the beautiful pink color the winemaker desires, the skins are removed and the juice is allowed to ferment, creating delicious rosé. A common misconception is that rosé can also be made by mixing red wine with white wine, but in fact, this process is frowned upon by the wine community.

Warwick First Lady 2016

R 190

Delicately pink bursting with pomegranate, strawberry and watermelon. This wonderful Rosé is dry yet soft, lush and almost voluptuous on the mouth. Fresh acidity will keep you going back for more.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 12.00 % vol

Signal Gun 2016

R 150

This wine has aromas of strawberries and cream, red fruit and marshmallow characteristics with floral notes and a crisp and dry finish on the palate.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 13.70 % vol

Durbanville Hills 2016

R 125

Hints of raspberries and strawberries with a perfumed nose, refreshing and light bodied with abundant fresh summer berries on the palate.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 14.21 % vol

Pinotage



Pinotage is a red wine grape that was bred in South Africa in 1925 and was to become the now world famous signature variety of its homeland. Originally a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsaut known as Hermitage at the time, Pinotage naturally produces deep red varietal with red berry, cherry, plum, tropical fruit, smoke and earthy flavors and now has a vast range of blending varieties that has spread the taste of South Africa right around the world.

Durbanville Hills 2013

R 170

A rich wine backed by silky tannins, red cherries, ripe, sweet fruit and a lingering aftertaste.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 13.84 % vol

Beyerskloof 2016

R 230

Strong plum flavours with velvety tannins. Well structured, yet elegant and soft, medium-bodied with a fresh and superbly balanced finish

Winery Location: Stellenbosch **Alc:** 13.50% vol

Perdeberg Cellar 2014

R 140

Prunes, cherries and ripe berry notes with hints of vanilla oak. The palate is filled with ripe fruit, rich tannins and a long after taste.

Winery Location: Coastal Region **Alc:** 13.50 % vol

Bellingham Ancient Earth 2014

R 190

An intense dark red middle with a ruby red rim plotting sweet spices, plums and mulberries with hints of vanilla on the nose, hints of ripe and juicy raspberry, strawberry and black cherry flavours are supported by well-integrated oak and spice on the palate with an exciting tannin structure.

Winery Location: Franschoek Valley **Alc:** 14.00 % vol

A gourmet meal without a glass of wine just seems tragic to me somehow.

Merlot



Merlot wine is regarded as the underdog to Cabernet Sauvignon. How come? Cheap commercial Merlot has given the varietal a bad reputation. It's time to set the record straight: Merlot wine is first class. Not only does it command the highest respect in the wine world, Merlot also tastes great with food.

Durbanville Hills 2016

R 170

Driven by ripe plums, finished off with a hint of chocolate mint and sweet oriental spices this medium bodied Merlot is accentuated by soft sweet red fruit, and rounded off with silky tannins and a lingering finish.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 13.99 % vol

Hill & Dale 2016

R 155

Deep and vibrant ruby. Meaty blend of ripe red fruit, fresh oregano and cinnamon.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch **Alc:** 13.35% vol

Signal Gun 2012

R 277

Medium-bodied and fruity with a soft elegant palate. It is ruby in colour with blackcurrant character and hints of mint and eucalyptus on the nose and notes of vanilla from the French oak.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 14.09 % vol

Slanghoek Private Selection 2015

R 145

A medium bodied wine with well integrated oak and prominent mulberry and fruit cake flavours on the palate. Characteristic soft and accessible tannins with a well-balanced fruity finish.

Winery Location: Slanghoek Valley **Alc:** 13.50% vol

Shiraz



The term Shiraz has its roots in the New World, although there is no one story about how it came to be named this. The prevailing style of Shiraz winemaking reflects its New World roots, though, tending toward bright fruit flavors – most frequently blueberries, blackcurrants and black cherries. Secondary notes of chocolate lend themselves well to the full-bodied texture of these wines, often accented by pepper and spicy inflections.

Durbanville Hills 2015

R 170

Sweet cherries with hints of pepper, vanilla, spice, cigar box and well integrated wood. Sweet fruit and spice combines well on the palate with soft tannins and a mouth-watering finish.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 13.97 % vol

Rhebokskloof 2012

R 270

Medium bodied with spice, red fruit and black pepper, the wine confidently reflects typical Shiraz characteristics. Delicate oaking flavours with a smooth juicy palate appeal.

Winery Location: Paarl **Alc:** 13.86 % vol

Bellingham Homestead 2014

R 210

This Shiraz has an intense dark ruby red colour with flavours of plums, blackcurrants and pepper with hints of dark chocolate and mixed spice on the palate, it boasts with blackberry fruits, violets and black pepper.

Winery Location: Franschoek Valley **Alc:** 14.00 % vol

Zonnebloem 2015

R 195

Colour: Dark ruby red.

Bouquet: Intense blackberry aromas combined with French oak spices and hints of black pepper.

Palate: Full-bodied, layered and dense with juicy dark fruit flavours, careful oaking, a hint of cloves, and approachable tannins.

If we sip the wine, we find dreams coming upon us out of the imminent night

Cabernet Sauvignon



Since Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in a wide range of climates and regions throughout the world it has varied flavors. Fundamentally speaking, Cab is a full-bodied red wine with dark fruit flavors and savory tastes from black pepper to bell pepper. DNA profiling carried out in California in 1997 confirmed that Cabernet Sauvignon is the product of a natural genetic crossing between key Bordeaux grape varieties Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc.

Durbanville Hills 2013

R 160

Aromas of dark fruits, ripe berries, cherries and sweet spice with well-integrated wood flavours on the nose, and an elegant full-bodied wine with sweet berry fruits on the palate balanced by velvety tannins and exceptional wood structure.

Winery Location: Durbanville Wine Valley **Alc:** 14.02 % vol

Phizante Kraal 2014

R 215

Full of soft tannins and rich plummy aromas. It has a sturdy oak integration that supports the generous fruit coulis.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch **Alc:** 14.50 % vol

Nederburg 2015

R 200

Aromas of blackcurrants and cherries with violets and nuances of vanilla oak spice in the background, this rich full-bodied wine with ripe fruit, cherry and delicate oak spice flavours, has firm tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Winery Location: Paarl **Alc:** 14.04 % vol

Linton Park 2013

R 260

Deep mocha and chocolate aromas is accompanied by red berries on the nose. Full bodied and a plummy pallet with a strawberry finish aftertaste. This is a well-balanced wine of outstanding quality.

Winery Location: Wellington **Alc:** 14.05 % vol

Nothing makes the future look so rosy as to contemplate it through a glass of Chambertin.

Red blends



In order to make a distinctive, regional blend, most wine producers who make Cape Blends believe that Pinotage should be a strong element within the wine. What is the point, after all, of making a South African red wine blend if you do not include South Africa's famous red wine Pinotage? However, they are also willing to use a number of different wines alongside Pinotage, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot, making a wine rather like the traditional Bordeaux blends.

Petit Plaisir Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2013

R 286

Spicy dark plummy blackcurrant flavours and a note of chocolate. There's a little bit of VA (volatile acidity), but this is lifting the fruit flavours, rather than making you think you're drinking vinegar. A gentle, generous mouthful that should bring smiles to most faces.

Winery Location: Klappmuts

Alc: 14.00 % vol

Stellenrust Kleine Rust 2015

R 115

A bouquet of appetizing ripe raspberries and hints of pepper spice. A soft, succulent palate follows with poised tannins and ample berry fruit flavours.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 14.00 % vol

Morgenhof Estate Merlot/Cabernet Franc 2010

R 230

A rich dark ruby coloured wine lures you to a complex nose full of intense black cherry, mulberry and mixed spice. These enticing flavours follow through on a supple soft palate.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 14.19 % vol

Anura Pinotage/Syrah 2013

R 135

Pinotage offers a generosity of bright, succulent berry fruit, with the Syrah contributing spice and a deeper, darker dimension. Expect to find coriander spice over fruitcake flavours. It has a smooth texture throughout.

Winery Location: Klappmuts

Alc: 14.05 % vol

Linton Park 2013

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Winery Location: Wellington

Alc: 14.05 % vol

Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words.

Method Cap Classique and Sparkling wine



In South Africa, a sparkling wine which is made in the traditional Champagne style is known as a Methode Cap Classique, or MCC. The most common wines to be used for this method are the Sauvignon Blanc and the Chenin Blanc, but it is also possible to use Chardonnay. For a darker, more original sparkling wine, Pinot Noir can be given the MCC treatment. In addition to the Methode Cap Classique, South African winegrowers can also make wine using the Charmat method. The name Methode Cap Classique has been given to South African wines since the beginning of the 1990s.

L'Ormarins Brut Classique NV

R 290

Delicate peach hue with a constant stream of fine bubbles. This wine carries an appealing aroma of candied apple, citrus pith and a light flinty, limestone nuance. Fruity white peaches and apples enter the mouth, with a good vibrance crisp crunch of acidity to balance the ripe fruitiness.

Winery Location: Franschoek Valley

Alc: 12.71 % vol

J.C Le Roux Brut NV

R 210

This is a refreshing Cap Classique that suits all palates. With its light yeasty tones and powerful Pinot Noir flavours, this stylish MCC complements any occasion.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 11.86 % vol

J.C Le Roux la Vallée NV

R 245

The light yellow gold hue is well complemented by creamy buttery tones and the demi-sec palate adds another dimension of complexity. The fresh and fruity style of the wine brings out the lightness of this MCC with hints of pears, litchis and primary fruit.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 12.01 % vol

Slanghoek Cuvee Brut NV

R 130

Crisp and refreshing, yet fruity blended sparkle with full, supple mouthfeel.

Winery Location: Slanghoek Valley

Alc: 11.27 % vol

J.C Le Roux Domaine

R 165

A bright, green-yellow sparkling wine which has a bubbling muscat aroma supported by cheerful fruit flavours on the nose. The palate is alive with sweet tropical fruits in perfect harmony with natural fruit acids supported by an enjoyable aftertaste.

Winery Location: Stellenbosch

Alc: 7.69% vol

Other

Boschendal Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2016

R 240

Hints of strawberry preserve impart an intriguing aroma, characteristic hints of ripe red berries are also evident.

Winery Location: Franschoek

Alc: 13.00 % vol

Other Beverages

Soft Drinks

Appetizer	R 28.00
Grapetizer	R 30.00
Coke, Coke Zero, Fanta, Creme Soda, and Sprite "330ml"	R 20.00
Dry Lemon, Ginger Ale, Lemonade, Tonic water, Soda Water, Coke light "220ml" Mixers	R 17.00
Ice Tea – Peach or Lemon	R 24.00
Red Bull	R 42.00

Water

Sparkling or Still Water 1.5L	R 32.00
Sparling or still 500ml	R 15.00

Cordials

Lime	R 4.00
Grenadine	R 4.00
Passion Fruit	R 4.00
Lime	R 4.00
Kola Tonic	R 4.00

Beers

Black Label	R 25.00
Castle	R 24.00
Castle Light	R 25.00
Amstel	R 25.00
Amstel Light	R 25.00
Heineken	R 28.00
Windhoek Draught 440ml	R 32.00
Windhoek Larger	R 26.00
Windhoek Light	R 26.00

Beers on tap

Castle Light	R 35.00
Devils Peak Larger	R 46.00
CBC Amber Weiss	R 48.00

Ciders

Hunters Dry	R 28.00
Hunters Gold	R 28.00
Savanna Light	R 30.00
Savanna Dry	R 30.00

Spirits

Rum

Bacardi White Rum	R 15.00
Captain Morgan Dark Rum	R 17.00
Spiced Gold	R 15.00
Red Heart	R 16.00
Southern Comfort	R 16.00

Whiskey

Bells	R 18.00
Bains	R 25.00
J&B	R 16.00
Jameson	R 27.00
Jack Daniels	R 25.00
Johny Walker Black Label	R 34.00
Johny Walker Red Label	R 22.00

White Spirits

Smirnoff Vodka	R 14.00
Gordon Gin	R 12.00

Brandy

Wellington VO	R 12.00
Klipdrift	R 14.00
Klipdrift Premium	R 18.00
Richelieu	R 15.00
KWV 5	R 16.00
Olof Bergh	R 15.00

Premium brands

Van Ryns	10 year	R 28.00
Van Ryns	15 year	R 95.00
Van Ryns	20 Year	R125.00
Glenfiddich	12 year	R 50.00
Bunnahabhain	12 year	R 72.00
Bunnahabhain	15 year	R105.00
Monkey Shoulder	NV	R 37.00

Don Pedro

Ask your waiter for your choice of liqueur

Any base Don Pedro at R18 add the liqueur or spirit of your choice.

Liqueurs

Amarula	R 15.00
Frangelico	R 20.00
Kahlua	R 20.00
Nachtmusik	R 12.00
Peppermint	R 12.00

Shooters

PO10C	R 12.00
Jagermeister	R 22.00
Jose Quervo Gold	R 20.00
Poncho Gold	R 20.00
Poncho Coffee	R 20.00
Lavodka Caramel	R 20.00
Lavodka Chocolate	R 20.00

Hot Beverages

Irish Coffee	R 46.00
Americano	R 18.00
Decaf Coffee	R 18.00
Cappuccino	R 22.00
Rooibos Cappuccino	R 24.00
Single Espresso	R 15.00
Double Espresso	R 20.00
Macchiato	R 28.00
Cafe Mocha	R 30.00
Cafe Latte	R 26.00
Chai Latte	R 28.00
Filter Coffee	R 18.00
Hot Chocolate	R 34.00
Horlicks	R 36.00
Milo	R 32.00

Tea

Ceylon, Rooibos, English breakfast, Earl Grey, Green Chamomile and Peppermint	R 18.00
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Milk shakes

Chocolate, Strawberry, Coffee or Vanilla	R 34.00
Horlicks and Honey	R 36.00
Kiddies – Vanilla, Strawberry or Chocolate	R 22.00

Smoothies

Yoghurt and Honey	
Mango, Banana and Mixed Berry	R 38.00

Juices

Apple, Fruit Cocktail, Orange, Guava and Red grape "330ml"	R 20.00
"180ml"	R 14.00

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