

Sutherland

Gyles Webb used to be an accountant until a bottle of Puligny-Montrachet changed his life. He is now regarded as one of the top winemakers in the Cape and his wines from the beautiful **Thelema** estate in Stellenbosch, family run since 1988, have a cult following. Sutherland is his latest impressive venture and set to become an industry standard.

NEW Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin, 2010 (Thelema)

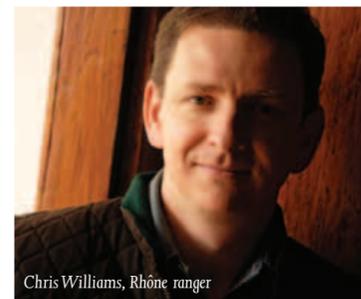
Gyles Webb of Thelema believed so strongly in the potential of the cool Elgin region that he didn't just buy grapes here but planted his own vineyards. Sutherland Sauvignon is his best Elgin wine to date, cold-fermented in stainless steel tanks to maximise its fresh, mineral fruit. 13.5%  ref AF-SA7161 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen



Gyles Webb, from Stellenbosch to Elgin

NEW The Foundry Roussanne, 2010

A Rhône-style blend of 86% roussanne, 7% grenache blanc, and 7% viognier, which makes its presence felt in the aromas it gives to the young wine. Just 1,700 litres of this maiden vintage were made, sold exclusively to The Wine Society in the UK. Now to 2014. 13% ref AF-SA6851 £10.95 bottle £131 dozen



Chris Williams, Rhône ranger

Cape Point

Cape Point's climate can be inhospitable but the welcome is always warm. Winemaker Duncan Savage, like Johan Reyneke, is a surfer, and one of the best liked and respected winemakers in the Cape today. The wines tend towards austerity in their youth but repay patience; Duncan must be running out of wall and shelf space for the raft of awards he picks up with impressive regularity.

NEW Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, 2010

From a celebrated, notoriously cool-climate vineyard in the Cape Point national park, south of Constantia, this is a stylish, finely wrought sauvignon with pure gooseberry fruit and herbal notes. Now to 2013. 13.5%  ref AF-SA7151 £13.50 bottle £162 dozen



Duncan Savage and the next generation

Crystallum

Crystallum is a new producer, established in 2006, with 2007 the first vintage release. The winemaker, Peter-Allan Finlayson, is the son of Peter Finlayson of Boucharde Finlayson and appears to be something of a chip off the old block when it comes to handling chardonnay and pinot noir. Vineyards are farmed sustainably, in the charmingly named Crystal Kloof (valley), and the eco-friendly winery is made from straw bales covered with plaster made from recycled paper and clay.

NEW Crystallum The Agnes Chardonnay, Western Cape, 2009

Classy barrel-fermented chardonnay from an impressive new producer in Walker Bay. Restrained in style, with good freshness and zip and only the sweetly fragrant fruit to give away its new world origin. Now to 2013. 13.5% Low stock ref AF-SA7271 £20 bottle £240 dozen

NEW Crystallum Clay Shales Chardonnay, Walker Bay, 2009

Just 2,200 bottles of this single-vineyard chardonnay were produced, barrel fermented, then matured in part new oak. Beautifully integrated, more mineral and floral than The Agnes (above) on the nose, and more linear, with touches of wet stone on the palate. Now to 2013. 13.5% Low stock ref AF-SA7261 £22 bottle £264 dozen

NEW Crystallum Pinot Noir, Cuvée Cinéma, Walker Bay, 2009

This is a top-notch, already velvety, ripe Burgundian style pinot (more Nuits than Beaune) from a single vineyard. Just 2,202 bottles were produced. A delicious treat, less herbal than many Cape pinots. Now to 2014. 14% Low stock ref AF-SA7251 £29 bottle £348 dozen

CRYSTALLUM MIXED CASE

ref AF-MX11184 at £69

A three-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

Crystallum Pinot Noir, Cuvée Cinéma, Walker Bay, 2009

Crystallum The Agnes Chardonnay, Western Cape, 2009

Crystallum Clay Shales Chardonnay, Walker Bay, 2009



Peter Allan Finlayson of Crystallum

MIXED CASES

SOUTH AFRICAN REDS

ref AF-MX11182 at £59

Save £5.25

A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

Boschendal 1685 Merlot, Coastal, 2009

De Morgenzon DMZ Syrah, Stellenbosch, 2009

Chamonix Greywacke Pinotage, Franschhoek, 2007 (Cape Chamonix)

The Liberator, Special Edition 'The Francophile #1', Syrah, Voor Paardeberg, 2009

Spier Creative Block 3, Coastal, 2008

Glenelly Grand Vin, Stellenbosch, 2007

SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES

ref AF-MX11183 at £52

Save £4.80

A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

Boschendal 1685 Chardonnay-Pinot Noir, Coastal, 2010

Beaumont Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2010

Glenelly, The Glass Collection Unwooded Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, 2011

Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin, 2010 (Thelema)

Reyneke Organic Chenin/Chardonnay/Sauvignon, Coastal, 2010

The Liberator, Special Edition 'The Francophile #2', Viognier, Stellenbosch, 2008

KEY

See page 160 of the October to January List for full details on alcohol levels

 bone dry, to  intensely sweet

 Screwcap closure  New vintage

SOUTH AFRICAN SAUVIGNON BLANCS

ref AF-MX11185 at £65

A six-bottle case containing two bottles of each of the following:

Brunia Sauvignon Blanc, Walker Bay, 2010 (Cold Mountain Vineyards)

Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, 2010

Sutherland Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin, 2010 (Thelema)

SOUTH AFRICAN MIXED DOZEN

ref AF-MX11186 at £95

Equivalent to £7.92 per bottle

Save £7.65

A 12-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:

Red

Percheron Shiraz-Mourvèdre, Western Cape, 2010 (Boutinot)

Percheron Old Vine Cinsault, Western Cape, 2010 (Boutinot)

Boschendal 1685 Merlot, Coastal, 2009

De Morgenzon DMZ Syrah, Stellenbosch, 2009

Spier Creative Block 3, Coastal, 2008

Chamonix Greywacke Pinotage, Franschhoek, 2007 (Cape Chamonix)

White

Piekeniers Sauvignon Blanc, Piekenierskloof, 2010 (Tierhoek)

Koopmanskloof Fairtrade Bush Vine Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch, 2011

Boschendal 1685 Chardonnay-Pinot Noir, Coastal, 2010

Brunia Sauvignon Blanc, Walker Bay, 2010 (Cold Mountain Vineyards)

Beaumont Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2010

Glenelly, The Glass Collection Unwooded Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, 2011

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With enthusiasm for the Cape's vibrant wine scene growing apace, we are better placed to feature some of the numerous delicious new discoveries I've unearthed over the last year. This offer includes **27 wines**, many offered here for the first time, ranging from wines that show the great value that South Africa delivers **under £6 per bottle** to a **sensational new pinot noir** at £29, all toasted by only the second release of **Quoin Rock's classy bubbly** – a **snip at £12.95**.

South Africa is a wine buyer's paradise. No other wine region I visit is enjoying such an extended period of positive change as the Cape winelands, and it's because the industry there is bursting with new ideas, new producers, new vineyards and dynamic new personalities adding colour, excitement and excellence. At the same time, the industry is working more than any other wine-producing country towards sustainable, eco-friendly production. As the South Africans say themselves: 'We are not just advocating green, we are practising it!'

With a choice of **five mixed cases**, including a **trio from new Walker Bay producer Crystallum**, and three of South Africa's best, and fascinatingly contrasting, **cool-climate sauvignons**, we hope you'll be tempted, as I was. To encourage members to take the plunge three of the mixed cases have savings of up to £7.65.

Joanna Locke MW, Society Buyer



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REDS

NEW Percheron Shiraz-Mourvèdre, Western Cape, 2010 (Boutinot)

The label tells the story eloquently: 'In the farthest flung corners of the Cape lie gnarly, old national treasures – ancient vines once farmed with Percheron draft horses, both now a rare breed. Percheron Shiraz-Mourvèdre celebrates this harmonious marriage of nature. Rich, dark and brooding. This wine is packed with warm, chocolatey notes and has a big savoury heart.' 14.5% ☺ ref AF-SA7081 £5.95 bottle £71 dozen



Percheron Old Vine Cinsault, Western Cape, 2010 (Boutinot)

A maiden vintage produced from sought-after, low-yielding old vines in the Western Cape, imparting velvety texture to this sweet-fruited wine. 14% ☺ ref AF-SA6931 £5.95 bottle £71 dozen

Boschendal

Boschendal is one of the oldest wine producers in the New World. The '1685' on the label recalls the year when the 'Bossendaal' (wood and dale) farm was granted to French émigré Jean Le Long by the governor of the Cape. Le Long was one of many Huguenots who fled from France to escape religious persecution. The property is one of the most beautiful wine estates in The Cape, with a good restaurant and picnic facilities.

NEW Boschendal 1685 Merlot, Coastal, 2009

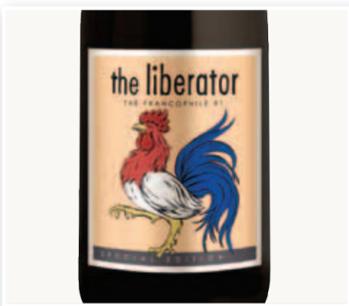
A new wine from one of the giants of the South African wine industry, expertly crafted with sweet fruit and just a touch of classy French oak. 14% ref AF-SA6981 £8.50 bottle £102 dozen

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NEW De Morgenzon DMZ Syrah, Stellenbosch, 2009

Around 80% syrah with roughly equal proportions of grenache and mourvèdre, and ripe, dark fruit that is rich and smooth on the palate, showing remarkable freshness for its concentration. 14.5% ☺ ref AF-SA6791 £8.95 bottle £107 dozen



NEW The Liberator Special Edition 'The Francophile #1' Syrah, Voor Paardeberg, 2009

As the name implies, this is a one-off, exclusive to us, made from ripe fruit that is smooth, spicy and Rhône-inspired on the palate. Now to 2014. 14.5% ref AF-SA7021 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen

Chamonix Greywacke Pinotage, Franschoek, 2007 (Cape Chamonix)

Winemaker Gottfried Mocke might just have found a future for this love-it-or-hate-it grape: made in a style akin to Italy's ripasso, this is rich and savoury and full of flavour, with an extra dimension that shines when decanted. Now to 2014. 14.5% ref AF-SA6041 £10.95 bottle £131 dozen



Gottfried Mocke, innovator

Spier

Few on the Stellenbosch wine tourism trail miss the Spier experience. Creativity is in their blood, whence The Creative Block: a collection of small, blank canvasses that are transformed by established and emerging artists. Collectors can buy one or a number of these pieces, arranging and rearranging them to create a bigger artwork. Inspired by this process, Creative Block wines were born.

NEW Spier Creative Block 3, Coastal, 2008

Spier produces a wide and admirable range of wines with the odd highlight such as this sumptuous shiraz with splashes of mourvèdre and viognier. Their own food pairing recommendation is unlikely to come up on The Society's online Food and Wine Matcher: 'Smoked Oryx fillet or pork neck', but something more local and humble should work just as well. Now to 2013. 14.5% ref AF-SA7231 £11.95 bottle £143 dozen

See the back page
for four
mixed cases

Glenelly

In 1682, Glenelly, situated on the slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain in Stellenbosch, was granted to the French Huguenot François Villion. May de Lencquesaing fell in love with the property, close to Rustenberg, and acquired the farm in 2003. She has since invested her characteristic energy, and a great deal of money, to make excellent wine here, with a strikingly modern eco-friendly winery that has been thoughtfully designed, requiring no air-conditioning thanks to the cold water-cooled pipe system within the concrete walls. Visitors will see a beautiful collection of fine glassware, which recalls Madame de Lencquesaing's superb collection in the museum at Pichon Lalande.

NEW Glenelly Grand Vin, Stellenbosch, 2007

Glenelly is the stylish new Stellenbosch property owned by Madame May de Lencquesaing (formerly of Château Pichon Comtesse in Bordeaux). No expense has been spared to produce this signature red blend. Bordeaux base with a more savoury twist thanks to the 44% shiraz alongside the 31% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot and 1% petit verdot. Now to 2015. 14% ref AF-SA7291 £13.95 bottle £167 dozen

Stellekaya

Stellekaya was introduced to us by a Wine Society member and Trustee of the Dame Hilary Cropper Foundation, a UK Trust that supports local charities in South Africa. On one of her many visits there, she met Ntsiki Biyela, Stellekaya's winemaker and South Africa 2009 Woman Winemaker of the Year, the first black woman to achieve this accolade. The UK's exacting International Wine and Spirit Competition 2010 liked the wine too, awarding it a Silver Medal and Best in Class.

NEW Stellekaya Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, 2006

A rare example of a mature, cedary, spiced tobacco and licorice-infused cabernet – the sort that members ask us for with some regularity. From a family-owned boutique cellar and traditionally made in open fermenters, basket pressed, then matured in French oak barrels for 20 months. Now to 2013. 14.5% ref AF-SA7321 £12.95 bottle £155 dozen



Award-winning Ntsiki Biyela

Raats Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch, 2008

Winemaker Bruwer Raats is known both for chenin blanc and for cabernet franc, and was one of the first to bottle this increasingly popular and sought-after grape as a single varietal, from the 2001 vintage. It was rated highly by Jancis Robinson MW in a tasting in 2009, competing favourably with Cheval Blanc, no less! Still young, so decant to see its potential. Now to 2016. 14% ref AF-SA6861 £14.95 bottle £179 dozen

Beaumont Mourvèdre, Walker Bay, 2008

Just 200 cases of this rich, fruit-cakey red were produced in 2008 which Sebastian Beaumont described as 'a humdinger of a vintage'. We have often bought from Beaumont over the years and the many members who visit this lovely property in the Botrivier will hopefully be delighted to see the mourvèdre listed for the first time. Now to 2014. 14.5% ref AF-SA6891 £19 bottle £228 dozen



Sebastian Beaumont

SPARKLING

NEW Quoin Rock, Cap Classique Second Release, Cape Agulhas

A classic blend of pinot noir and chardonnay fermented in one-year-old and older French oak. Made by star winemaker Carl van der Merve before he was headhunted to join De Morgenzon (see their syrah opposite). The hint of colour in the wine comes from the significant proportion of pinot in the blend. 12.5% ref AF-SA7311 £12.95 bottle £155 dozen

WHITES

NEW Piekeniers Sauvignon Blanc, Piekenierskloof, 2010 (Tierhoek)

A maiden vintage from Tierhoek's cool, organically farmed vineyards. The soil here is ancient weathered sandstone, which produces a distinct minerality in the wine to accompany its hint of peach and passion fruits. 13.5% ☺ ref AF-SA6971 £6.75 bottle £81 dozen

NEW Koopmanskloof Fairtrade Bush Vine Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch, 2011

Long-term suppliers of grapes, this large farm in Stellenbosch is also now bottling its own wine, to the greater benefit of its farm workers. Unoaked, easy-drinking and high on feel-good factor. 13.5% ☺ ref AF-SA7131 £6.75 bottle £81 dozen

NEW Piekeniers White, Piekenierskloof, 2010 (Tierhoek)

Another first, incorporating estate-grown sauvignon (80%) and chardonnay (20%) which were tank fermented before spending around three months at Klein Constantia in large oak casks previously used to ferment Vin de Constance, imparting a delightful grapey note to the wine. 14% ☺ ref AF-SA6871 £6.95 bottle £83 dozen



Vineyard walk at Tierhoek

NEW Boschendal 1685 Chardonnay-Pinot Noir, Coastal, 2010

Remarkable because this is a combination more common in sparkling wine, but also for making a successful and clever – but not too clever – blend. An elegant dry white with old world restraint on the palate. 13% ref AF-SA6961 £8.95 bottle £107 dozen



NEW Beaumont Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2010

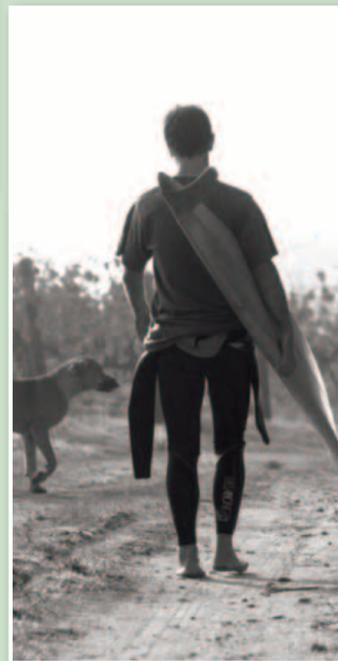
Situated near the coastal village of Hermanus, Beaumont is a beautiful and welcoming place. The family is charming and they make a lovely range of wines, not least this delightfully balanced chenin. 13% ref AF-SA7171 £8.95 bottle £107 dozen

Reyneke

This wine is from an old Stellenbosch property which was established in 1863 but did not bottle its own wine until 1998. Until recently it was owned by the Reyneke family, and Johan Reyneke continues to farm the vineyards to certified organic standards. The property is now in the same stable as Boekenhoutsloof and one of the latter's former winemaking team, Rudiger Gretschel, has taken the wines to a new level while respecting the environmentally sound philosophies that Johan holds so dear.

NEW Reyneke Organic Chenin-Chardonnay-Sauvignon, Coastal, 2010

Only in its maiden vintage, this flavoursome blend of 65% chenin, 23% chardonnay, and 12% sauvignon blanc is certified organic. Johan Reyneke, an enthusiastic surfer, is working towards self sufficiency on the property and makes all his own compost and biodynamic preparations on site. 13% ☺ ref AF-SA7181 £9.50 bottle £114 dozen



Johan Reyneke off-duty

NEW Brunia Sauvignon Blanc, Walker Bay, 2010 (Cold Mountain Vineyards)

A lucky find at London's International Wine Fair in May, this herb-scented sauvignon comes from a new producer and cool-climate vineyards in Walker Bay. Far less austere than many South African sauvignons and at a great price. 13.5% ☺ ref AF-SA7221 £9.50 bottle £114 dozen

NEW Glenelly, The Glass Collection Unwooded Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, 2011

A light and charming chardonnay from one of the most exciting new estates in the Cape, which is most certainly one to watch, and well worth a visit. 13.5% ☺ ref AF-SA7281 £9.50 bottle £114 dozen



Liberator

The Liberator is the persona of a new range of limited-edition parcels of wine sourced from some of South Africa's most exciting and celebrated young winemakers. We snapped up the very first Special Edition parcels to merit inclusion in The Liberator's eclectic portfolio. As a result, this pair of wines is exclusive to us; both wines are made by the same winemaker whose name we may not reveal, but who is well-known to members and among The Cape's finest. For the full story, and a bit of fun, visit theliberatorwine.com



NEW The Liberator, Special Edition 'The Francophile #2', Viognier, Stellenbosch, 2008

We are sworn to secrecy on the source of this wine but can confirm that it is made by one of South Africa's brightest winemaking stars. Bottled for us in the spring of 2011, this is majority fragrant viognier, with touches of grenache blanc and roussanne. Now to 2013. 13.5% ref AF-SA7031 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen

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