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GLORIOUS REDS & THRILLING WHITES

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**False Bay Shiraz, Coastal Region 2014**
Made by the talented Boutinot team (also behind Percheron and Waterkloof), this is a very successful South African take on Côtes-du-Rhône. Made in large wooden fermenters to soften the tannins, it displays ripe red fruits with spicy peppery notes on the palate. Great value. 13.5%
ref AF-SA11881
£6.25 bottle £75 dozen

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ref AF-SA12031
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**The Liberator ‘Trample Dance’ Cape Blend, Western Cape 2012**
Early Cape reds were blends and this newly bottled (thus fresher-tasting) multi-varietal Cape Blend (with around a third pinotage) includes Rhône and Douro grapes to create a wine with silky tannins and integrated, complex floral and savoury aromas and flavours. 14%
ref AF-SA11771
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A Cape classic, first created in 1949, since updated in style. Cabernet-led and including tannat and petit verdot amongst numerous others, all rounded out by a year in oak, this is a savoury red with berry-fruit aromas and cedar and spice on the palate. 14%
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**See back page for five mixed cases**
NEW Boplaas ‘Tinta Chocolat’ Tinta Barocca, Western Cape 2015

From one of the Cape’s most renowned producers of fortified wines. Here the Port grape tinta barocca lends itself admirably to this smooth, satisfying red which delivers ripasso-style richness on the palate with hints of chocolate and mocha. 14%

ref AF-SA11911
£8.50 bottle £102 dozen

NEW Zevenwacht ‘The Tin Mine’, Stellenbosch 2013

Once vital for its tin mines, today’s Zevenwacht farm has successfully embraced wine tourism. Their rich and satisfying GSM blend (shiraz, grenache and mourvèdre) is a style adopted from both Australia and France and is right at home in the Cape’s warm Mediterranean climate. If you enjoyed The Liberator ‘Connoisseur’ then this wine is for you. After 16 months in older oak barrels it has soft tannins, silky texture and sweet spicy flavour. 14.5%

ref AF-SA11811
£8.75 bottle £105 dozen

NEW KWV ‘The Mentors’ Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch 2013

The Mentors cellar is the KWV winemakers’ playground, producing small lots of exceptional wine. This 100% cabernet franc was lavished with 18 months in 70% new French oak barrels and is both classy and generous, with fine-grained tannins, tobacco, pencil-lead and spice aromas and a rich, smooth palate. Thoroughly deserving of its Decanter Magazine Trophy this year. Now to 2020. 14.5%

ref AF-SA11851
£12.50 bottle £150 dozen

Kaapzicht Estate Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2013

South Africa’s signature red comes in a multitude of styles (try Jeremy Borg’s rosé overleaf). Kaapzicht has always been among the best producers of the more robust style but has steadily reduced the new oak and lightened their touch, making this a fruit-driven but well-constituted juicy red. Now to 2021. 14.5%

ref AF-SA11891
£12.50 bottle £150 dozen

NEW De Krans ’Tritonia’, Calitzdorp 2014

From its award-winning fortified wines, De Krans has turned its hand successfully to reds. Respecting the region’s heritage, this is a blend of Portuguese grape varieties, with spice-infused black-fruit perfume, touches of chocolate and mocha on the palate, finishing with fine tannins. Now to 2021. 13.5%

ref AF-SA11901
£13.50 bottle £162 dozen

NEW Eagles’ Nest Merlot, Constantia 2010

Merlot is hugely popular in the home market but has not always stood up to international scrutiny. Now cooler-climate vineyards are getting it right. 10% cabernet franc adds complexity and classic cedary fragrance to fresh berry fruits, a hint of spice, and fine-quality tannins. Now to 2020. 14%

ref AF-SA10801
£17 bottle £204 dozen

Warwick Estate Trilogy, Simonsberg-Stellenbosch 2011

Even the iconic Trilogy, first released in 1986, has changed subtly over the years. Once cabernet sauvignon dominated and still cabernet sauvignon led, the proportion of cabernet franc has been increasing since 2002 and now represents just over a third of the blend. An opulent wine combining ripe black fruits with hints of graphite, smooth texture and fine-grained tannins. Now to 2025. 14%

ref AF-SA10701
£19.50 bottle £234 dozen

NEW Newton Johnson Family Vineyards Pinot Noir, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2015

Exquisitely textured and refined cooler-climate pinot noir from a great vintage and a great team. Young, but poised for a great future if you can resist it now, with pure bright fruit which refreshes the palate. Now to 2021. 14%

ref AF-SA11921
£23 bottle £276 dozen

KWV: A DIFFERENT BEAST

Founded in 1918, KWV was originally a co-operative but it picked up the nickname KGB after taking over administrative responsibility for the industry as a whole. Good years and bad ensued, but KWV has been a different beast for some time now, and today boasts a team of bright, enthusiastic, award-winning winemakers turning out an impressive range of wines. It is now a (benevolent) force to be reckoned with and delivers cracking value.
NEW Percheron Chenin Blanc-Viognier, Swartland 2016
This delightful semi-aromatic white joins the successful red Percheron pair and offers classic Swartland with a twist, and outstanding value. Bright stone-fruit aroma with creamy texture and an appetising fresh palate. 13%
ref AF-SA11741
£5.95 bottle £71 dozen

NEW KWV Classic Collection Chardonnay, Western Cape 2015
From a great Cape vintage, this is a refreshing and easy-drinking chardonnay with stone-fruit flavour and the merest hint of oak for a little more body and complexity. 13.5%
ref AF-SA11831
£6.25 bottle £75 dozen

NEW Boplaas Cape Portuguese White Blend, Calitzdorp 2016
The traditional home of the South African ‘Port’ industry, Calitzdorp has a new lease of life through dry reds and whites. This is only the second vintage of this gently aromatic and soft textured white made from Portuguese grape verdelho with chardonnay; rounded and easy to drink. 13%
ref AF-SA11971
£6.95 bottle £83 dozen

Painted Wolf ‘Rosalind’ Pinotage Rosé, Paarl 2016
Pinotage is better known as a red grape but, picked early to retain freshness, it lends itself well to making pale but toothsome rosé, rather in the style of the French pinks from the Languedoc. The Wild Dog cub which adorns the label is a charming reminder of Painted Wolf’s ongoing contribution to wildlife conservation in Africa. 13.5%
ref AF-SA111591
£7.50 bottle £90 dozen

NEW Kaapzicht Estate Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2016
Refreshing, bright-fruited chenin from the delightful Steytler family, with tropical and citrus flavours. A relatively new introduction to their range which they describe as ‘chenin for the sauvignon drinker’. 13.5%
ref AF-SA11941
£7.95 bottle £95 dozen

Painted Wolf ‘Peloton’ Blanc, Coastal 2014
White blends are among the best of South Africa’s wines today. Jeremy Borg’s popular, modestly priced example offers considerable complexity for the money. This is a savoury dry white with creamy texture. Enjoy, knowing that you are supporting wildlife conservation while you sip. 13%
ref AF-SA10621
£8.95 bottle £107 dozen

Tania & Vincent Carême ‘Terre Brûlée’, Swartland 2013
It was not too much of a leap for Vouvray’s young Vincent Carême, married to a South African, to make his chosen grape with friends in the Swartland, which is so rich in old-vine chenin. His is a full-bodied barrel-fermented example with a fine mineral backbone. Drink over the next year or so. 13% The 2015 follows,
ref AF-SA10861
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

NEW Springfield Estate ‘Miss Lucy’, Robertson 2015
A new wine in only its second vintage, and a new take on the Cape white blend. Miss Lucy was designed to complement seafood, and ‘as a tribute to the sea, dad’s first home’ (and winemaker Abrie Bruwer’s first love). Around a third pinot gris, which leads and charms with hints of melon, with sauvignon and semillon for freshness, complexity and balance. Drink over the next year. 12.5%
ref AF-SA11871
£10.95 bottle £131 dozen

NEW Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2015
Outside the iconic Vin de Constance, the focus at Klein Constantia is now firmly on sauvignon blanc, in which the estate has specialised for decades but which is being taken to even greater heights through vineyard selection and a close working relationship with the Loire’s Pascal Jolivet.
ref AF-SA11721
£11.95 bottle £143 dozen

KLEIN CONSTANTIA: THE RETURN OF A CAPE GREAT
One of the great estates in the Cape and the strongest of candidates for the most beautiful winemaking property in the world, Klein Constantia is an integral part of the history of South Africa. New ownership has brought valuable new investment and a new focus. Firstly, to make the iconic Vin de Constance the world’s most prized natural sweet wine once again, and, secondly, on sauvignon blanc, in which the estate has specialised for decades but which is being taken to even greater heights through vineyard selection and a close working relationship with the Loire’s Pascal Jolivet.
WHITE WINES

Paul Cluver Estate Chardonnay, Elgin 2014
Chardonnay is back in fashion, now more judiciously barrel-fermented to allow pure ripe fruit to shine through, and Paul Cluver’s is consistently one of the best, and best value. Now to 2020. 13.5% The 2015 follows.
ref AF-SA10981 £14.50 bottle £174 dozen

NEW Klein Constantia ‘Metis’ Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2015
One of eight sauvignons produced at Klein Constantia in 2015, Metis is inspired by Sancerre, selected from high-altitude vineyards which give naturally high acidity, and made with minimal intervention in the cellar and 12 months extended maturation on the fine lees in tank. A finely-honed, cool-climate sauvignon, still tightly knit but with fresh lime zest and mineral aromas; depth and length on the palate promise a long future. Now to 2022. 14%
ref AF-SA11471 £19.50 bottle £234 dozen

NEW Newton Johnson Family Vineyards Chardonnay, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2015
Seductive and generous yet elegant and refreshing at the same time. This is a cooler-climate chardonnay from the family’s own windswept vineyards in the beautiful Hemel-en-Aarde valley with gently bread and toasty notes on the palate. Now to 2021. 13%
ref AF-SA11931 £19.50 bottle £234 dozen

Alheit Cartology, Western Cape 2013
A Cape white blend par excellence. High-altitude old-vine chenin blanc is complemented by 12% semillon from a single vineyard in Franschhoek. A wine of layered complexity, textured but with real vivacity, ample stone fruit and long, mineral finish. Now to 2018. 14%
ref AF-SA10121 £24 bottle £288 dozen

SWEET & FORTIFIED WINES

NEW Klein Constantia Vin de Constance, Constantia 2013
One of the great sweet wines of the world, benefiting from renewed focus from the new owners at Klein Constantia and young winemaker Matt Day (this is his second vintage in charge). Muscat de Frontignan grapes are selectively hand-picked – from only just fully ripe to raisined – and each batch is vinified separately. The resulting wine is yellow gold in colour, intensely sweet yet vividly fresh, with notes of pineapple, grapefruit, ginger, white flowers and apricots with silky texture, hints of caramel with orange and pithy citrus on the palate. Now to 2033 (and beyond). 13.5%
ref AF-SA11801 £45 50cl bottle £540 dozen

NEW KWV Cape Tawny
From the sublime to the ridiculous... ridiculously good value, that is. KWV have long been specialist in fortified wines but the style has been refreshed to suit international tastes. Deep tawny in colour with copper highlights, this is a classically honed wood-matured tawny-style fortified wine. Rich and smooth with hints of nuts, caramel and dried fruits. 17.5%
ref AF-SA11751 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen

“One of the great sweet wines of the world.”
Joanna Locke MW on Klein Constantia Vin de Constance, Constantia 2013

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NEW CAPE CLASSIC REDS
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- KWV ‘The Mentors’ Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch 2013
- Eagles’ Nest Merlot, Constantia 2010
- Warwick Estate Trilogy, Simonsberg-Stellenbosch 2011
- De Krans ‘Tritonia’, Calitzdorp 2014

£95

EVERYDAY CAPE REDS
A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:
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- KWV Classic Collection Pinotage, Western Cape 2015
- Villiera Down to Earth Touriga Nacional-Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2014
- KWV Roodeberg, Western Cape 2014
- The Liberator ‘Trampoline Dance’ Cape Blend, Western Cape 2012

£79

CAFE RE-INVENTED DOZEN
A 12-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:
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- KWV Classic Collection Pinotage, Western Cape 2015
- KWV Roodeberg, Western Cape 2014
- Boplaas ‘Tinta Chocolat’ Tinta Barocca, Western Cape 2015
- Zevenwacht ‘The Tin Mine’, Stellenbosch 2013
- The Liberator ‘Trampoline Dance’ Cape Blend, Western Cape 2012
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- Alheit Cartology, Western Cape 2013

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