

# **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.

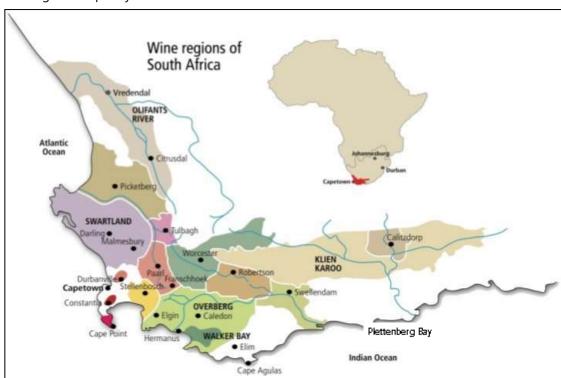
Salty dishes: balance salty foods with slightly sweeter wines.

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 & RED

### 480 Avondale Anima Chenin Blanc 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 Chamonix Chardonnay 485 This chardonnay is rich and full in mouthfeel, with a pronounced toasty overlay that appropriately complements the ripe apple and pear tones on the palate, while ample acidity provides support and balance. Winemaker – Neil Bruwer, Franschhoek Kevin Arnold Shiraz 2018 620 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 Ataraxia Pinot Noir 2017 685 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 Rainbow's End Family Reserve 2019 780 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 2020 995 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

## 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

175

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

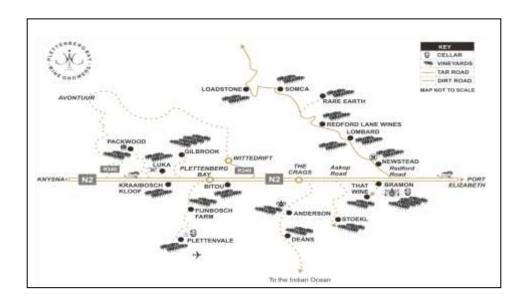
Winemaker – Gloria Strack van Schyndel, Plettenberg Berg

# Newstead Méthode Cap Classique Brut

475

Boasts of yeasty, tasty notes with a crisp, elegant limey finish, and needs no occasion for a celebration.

Winemaker – Anton Small, Plettenberg Bay



<sup>&</sup>quot;Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized." ~ Andre Simon, Common-sense of Wine

# MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

### Altydgedacht Blanc de Blanc

95/385

Vivid and refreshing palate with lingering citrus notes, white peach and a zesty finish with a floral nose.

Winemaker - Etienne Louw, Durbanville

#### L'avenir Brut Rose

95/445

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

### Paul Renee Chardonnay Brut

515

This delightful sparkling wine exudes light aromas, fresh fruit on the nose, and a rich creamy complexity on the palate.

Winemaker: Henk Van Niekerk

Winemaker: Pieter Ferreira & Pierre De Klerk, Robertson

#### **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

1800

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 55/175

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

Winemaker - Conrad Vlok, Elim

Kleine Zalze 250

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 345

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

### **CHARDONNAY**

#### De Wetshof Bon Vallon - unwooded

85/335

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 350

Crisp citrus with hints of minerality, a peach and vanilla nose. Elegant, creamy oak finish. Winemaker - Carl Schultz, Stellenbosch

## Jordan Barrel Fermented

495

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

<sup>&</sup>quot;I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food." ~ W.C. Fields

### CHENIN BLANC

Secateurs 50/190

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

Winemaker - Adi Badenhorst, Swartland

#### Mullineux Kloof Street

225

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

Winemaker - Andrea Mullineux, Swartland

#### Illimis Chenin Blanc

495

Subtle aromas of pear, white peaches and blossoms that develop in your glass. A tight knit wine with textured layers, green apple and saline notes on the palate. Very refined concentration and density.

Winemaker – Lucinda Heyns, Elgin

### WHITE: SINGLE VARIETALS

# Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc

160

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

Eenzaamheid 335

Very elegant with a beautiful red fruit profile showing a lot of cherries, raspberries, strawberries, pomegranate, rosewater and a subtle core of spice. Exceptional balance. Drink young and slightly chilled.

Winemaker – Janno Briers-Louw, Agter Paarl

### Eagles' Nest Viognier 2021

495

Delicate floral notes and spice develop in the glass. A refined and delicate palate follows, with delicious ripe tropical fruit flavours, spice and subtle mineral nuances.

Winemaker - Johnathan Mylrea, Constantia

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

## **ROSÉ & BLANC DE NOIR**

## Hermanuspietersfontein Bloos

55/210

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

#### Peter Falke Blanc de Noir

290

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Hues of delicate blush pink colour with subtle aromas of crushed strawberries, ripe nectarine, and flower petals. The palette finishes with a freshness of pomegranates and stylish silkiness.

Winemaker – Werner Schrenk, Stellenbosch

Stellekaya Rose

245

Lovely aromatics of fresh summer berries with aromas of musk rose passionfruit, yellow peach, and subtle nuances of white pepper. The palate is clean, fruity, and balanced.

Winemaker – Rose Kruger, Stellenbosch

# L'avenir Single Block Glen Rose

475

Elegant notes of Pomegranate, ruby, grapefruit, and crushed raspberries. A crisp and impressive entry of bright fruit and crisp acidity is followed by a crisp smooth textured mid palate, seductive with a long Finish.

Winemaker – Dirk Coetzee, Stellenbosch

<sup>~</sup> Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, French gastronome

## SHIRAZ/SYRAH

# Jordan The Prospector Syrah

105/445

Notes of peppered charcuterie, chipotle and red fruits are in abundance with a medium-bodied framework that lends itself to a variety of meat based dishes.

Winemaker - Gary and Kathy Jordan, Stellenbosch

Strandveld Syrah

425

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

## Gabrielskloof Sandstone Syrah

875

A plush and expertly integrated expression, showing a beguiling mix of blackberry, plum and white pepper as well as kalamata olives and sun-dried tomato. There is a generosity of fruit while being far from overripe, with dark chocolate filling out the mid palate.

Winemaker – Peter-Allan Finlayson, Botrivier

### **PINOTAGE**

## De Waal Pinotage

60/230

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

430

Excellent deep colour, ripe berries and plums on the nose and palate with a good mouth feel and lingering aftertaste.

Winemaker – Wynand Lategan, Stellenbosch

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

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON

# Spier Cabernet Sauvignon

55/175

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

Winemaker - Jacques Erasmus, Stellenbosch

### Lamotte Cabernet Sauvignon

315

Dark red in colour with prominent minerality, firm tannins and flavourful intensity. A nose of blackcurrants, violets, mint, and slight plum.

Winemaker - Edmund Terblanche, Stellenbosch

## Keermont Cabernet Sauvignon

675

A complex bouquet of ripe red berry fruit, cassis, vanilla pudding, and a touch of forest floor. On the palate the wine is soft yet rich. Savoury notes of cocoa and cloves add character to the bright red strawberry and mulberry flavours which linger into a long, tight, juicy finish.

Winemaker- Alex Starey, Stellenbosch

### **MERLOT**

# Hermanuspieterfontein Posmeester

60/230

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

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

## Steenberg Merlot

380

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

Winemaker - JD Pretorius, Constantia

Hartenberg Merlot  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	170
Delaire Graff Banghoek Reserve Merlot  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	745
PINOT NOIR	
Haute Cabrière Pinot Noir  Dark fruit flavours are layered with juicy red fruit, soft tannins complemented by well-integrated acidity.  Winemaker - Takuan von Arnim, Franschhoek	230
Thelema Sutherland Pinot Noir  Pure strawberry fruit aromas and lovely perfumed forest floor characters with hints of smoky spice.  Winemaker - Rudi Schult, Elgin	395
Creation Pinot Noir  Fragrant bouquet shows a mélange of red berry aromas, elegant vanilla, and wood spice.  Winemaker - Jean Claude Martin, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	470

### **RED BLENDS**

## Badsberg Belladonna

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

#### Gabrielskloof The Blend

295

A juicy and expertly structured vintage that is also earthier than its predecessor. Dark chocolate, black cherry and plum are given heft by leather, pencil shavings and sweet spice. A slightly higher alcohol is matched with fresh acidity, while supple tannins ensure the finish is long. A wine that will age well but is approachable now.

Winemaker - Peter-Allan Finlayson, Botrivier

#### Diemersdal Private Reserve 2020

390

Deep dark chocolate and enticing cedar aromas. The firm, well-structured palate, features robust yet sweet tannins and a broad range of flavours ranging from black cherry to red fruits. Winemaker – Thys Louw, Durbanville

#### Peter Falke Kanoa 2017

745

Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc make this exquisite blend. Dark garnet hues, intense aromas of prune, cassis and wild berries. Subtle French Oak nuances create rich and opulent flavours alongside smooth and silky tannins with a superb and lingering finish. Winemaker – Werner Schrenk, Stellenbocsh

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Bells	30	Glenfiddich 12yr	50
Jameson Johnny Walker Red	35 35	Glenlivet Single Malt Makers Mark Bourbon	50 35
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Capt. Morgan Dark	25	Bacardi White Rum	25
	BRAN	ТDY	
Richeleu	25	Van Ryn's 10yr	35
KWV 15yr	60		
	COGN	NAC	
Rémy Martin VSOP	65	Hennessy	70
	HOHE	TIDC	
Amarula	LIQUE 25	Cointreau	38
Jägermeister	25	Frangelico	30
Amaretto	30		
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Jose Cuervo Gold	30		