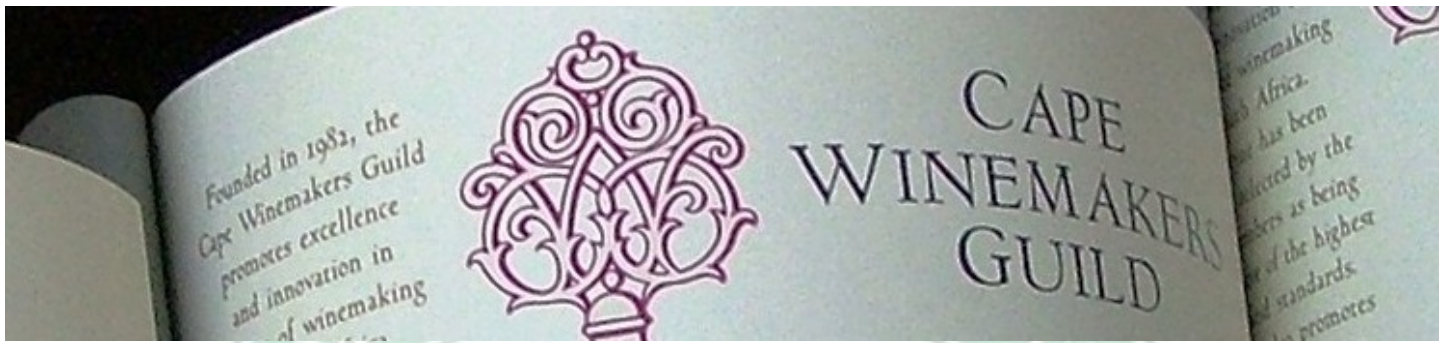


## Cape Winemakers Guild Auction Resultate 2009



An der CWG Auktion 2009 wurde wiederum ein neuer Umsatzrekord gebrochen. Dies trotz der immer noch anhaltenden Finanzkrise. Es wurde 5% mehr Umsatz erzielt als letztes Jahr und das trotz 10% weniger Weine im Angebot.

Weiter unten können Sie die Auktionsresultate und die Preise und den Auktionsreport auf Englisch nachlesen. Für die begehrtesten Weine wurden bis zu 5200 Rand pro 6er Kiste bezahlt. Das sind dann bis zu 750 Rand / ca. CHF 100.- pro Flasche.



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Cape Winemakers Guild defies recession with record turnout and highest ever auction sales

Records tumbled at the 25th Nedbank Cape Winemakers Guild auction held in the Stellenbosch winelands over the weekend, when a record number of buyers spent over R5,2 million rand on the 2009 lineup of wines made exclusively for the auction by members of the Guild.

Bidding was brisk and the wines fetched unexpected high prices right from the onset culminating in a record turnover of R5,204 400. This represents an increase of over 5% on last year despite the global recession and a 10% reduction in the quantity of wine that went under the hammer this year.

The highest price fetched for a case of wine (equivalent of 6 X 750ml bottles) was R5 200 for Peter Finlayson's Bouchard Finlayson Unfiltered Pinot Noir 2007(1,5 litre bottles), followed closely at R5 100 by Louis Strydom's Engelbrecht Els CWG 2007 and Marc Kent's Boekenhoutskloof Syrah Auction



Reserve 2007, a new vintage of last year's record holder.

The highest priced white wine was Adi Badenhorst's Badenhorst Family Wines Kalmoesfontein Semillon Noble Late Harvest 2008 (375ml bottles) which fetched R4 600.

Of the 159 buyers - the most ever to bid at the auction and 59% more than last year - the vast majority, 84%, were local buyers who spent a total of R4, 396 400. Foreign buyers made up the remaining sales totalling R808 000. Alan Pick of The Butcher Shop and Grill triumphed for the 8th consecutive year as the biggest spender at R1, 056 200. Only one overseas buyer made the top ten list which this year included four newcomers to the auction. The biggest overseas buyers came from Belgium, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Denmark.

"I'm very happy that so many people have come to respect the quality of the Guild wines. It has become a recognised brand and we got some awesome stuff," said an elated Alan Pick, who purchased considerably more white wines than previously and praised the exceptionally high standards of this year's wines.

The total number of cases sold this year was 2 274, with R2 288.65 the average price per case. The vast majority of buyers were private collectors.

"It is obvious from the results that the sale of quality of wines is not affected by the economic downturn and that there will always be a demand for individually crafted, specialist wines," said Henre Hablutzel of Hofmeyr Mills Auctioneers, who has seen the interest by private collectors in the Guild auction grow exponentially over the past 10 years.

"This was borne out again by the overwhelming number of small, single lots purchased at the auction, as opposed to multi-lot bulk buys by trade buyers," he added.

Top selling red wines per 6-bottle case (or the equivalent thereof):

- Bouchard Finlayson Unfiltered Pinot Noir 2007 (1,5 litre bottles) - R5 200
- Boekenhoutskloof Syrah Auction Reserve 2007 - R5 100
- Engelbrecht Els CWG 2007 - R5 100
- De Trafford Perspective 2007(375ml bottles) - R5 000
- Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon Auction Reserve 2007 -R3 700
- Jordan Sophia 2007 - R3 500
- Waterford Estate Auction Reserve 2005 - R3 400

Top selling white wines per 6-bottle case (or the equivalent thereof):

- Badenhorst Family Wines Kalmoesfontein Semillon Noble Late harvest 2008( 375ml) - R4 600
- Boekenhoutskloof Noble Late Harvest Semillon Auction Reserve 2006 (375ml) - R3 800
- Ataraxia Chardonnay 2008 - R3 500
- Cape Point Vineyards Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc 2008 - R3 000
- Nitida Decorous Sauvignon Blanc 2009 - R2 500

A commemorative 12-litre bottle to celebrate South Africa's 350 years of winemaking - a singular blend crafted by Guild members whose cumulative experience in winemaking spans 350 years - raised R22 000



in the charity auction in aid of the Nedbank CWG Development Trust. The bottle was purchased by Neil and Sue Proudfoot of Wine Concepts on Kloof. The total raised on the silent auction was R91 600. Founded in 1999, the Development Trust assists with education, training and empowerment of young people from previously disadvantaged wine farming communities and includes the Guild's Protege Programme, a mentorship scheme for young, upcoming winemakers.

"We are delighted by the unprecedented results of our auction, both in terms of the many new buyers as well as the excellent prices and record breaking turnover attained despite the lower volu

## RESULTS FOR 2009




Ataraxia Chardonnay 2008

**Winemaker:** [Kevin Grant](#) (Ataraxia)

### Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to create this wine were sourced from the same two vineyard sites along the R320, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, as all the previous Ataraxia CWG Auction Chardonnay wines. Intensely interventionist fruit selection was followed by an extreme non-interventionist winemaking approach. This wine was 100% fermented and matured in French oak barrels personally sourced from selected coopers in the Burgundy region of France. Fortnightly batonage was employed throughout the 10 month maturation period before the wine was carefully prepared for bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Made as a "œvin de terroir", this wine reflects both the ancient soils and the heavily moderating maritime influenced mesoclimate in which the vines grow and the fruit ripens. The result is a wine that reflects its New World provenance yet is Old World in stylistic leaning. Signed by minerality, it effortlessly manages to be both subtle and intense on the nose and the palate. Classy and complex.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.3 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.5 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R3000	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 50	<b>TA:</b> 6.10 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R3155.56	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 36	<b>pH:</b> 3.30



Badenhorst Family Wines Kalmoesfontein Noble Late Harvest 2008

**Winemaker:** [Adi Badenhorst](#) (Badenhorst Family Vineyards)

### Winemaking Notes

Wonderful, fully botrytised grapes were meticulously hand picked during four passes starting late March and finishing early April 2008. The grapes were basked pressed and the little juice collected was placed



into a small French oak cask for natural fermentation.

#### Tasting Notes

Very typical varietal and botrytis characters are prominent on the nose as well as bright fruit characters of dried fruits and marmalade and spice. The palate is wonderfully balanced with fruit and vinous texture being the hallmarks of this wine. All indications are in keeping with our philosophy this wine is unfiltered and unfinned to preserve the essence of the grape and vineyard.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 375 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 10.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R4600	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 375 ml	<b>RS:</b> 202 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R4200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 33	<b>TA:</b> 7.72 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R4420	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 10	<b>pH:</b> 3.69

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Beyerskloof Cape Blend 2007

**Winemaker:** [Beyers Truter](#) (Beyerskloof)

#### Winemaking Notes

Grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. The wine was made in open fermenters and was on the skins for 4-5 days at an average temperature of 26 °C. Punching of the cap was done every 2 hours to extract good colour and flavours from the grapes. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was aged in 100% new French oak for 21 months. This Cape blend was barrel selected especially for the Cape Winemakers Guild Auction.

#### Tasting Notes

A full bodied Cape blend with an intense claret colour. A complex wine with loads of blackberry and dark fruit flavours in balance with oak. This wine has a good structure with a long aftertaste and a potential to age well in the bottle.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.73 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2800	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.6 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2400	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 56	<b>TA:</b> 5.7 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2504.76	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 42	<b>pH:</b> 3.73

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Beyerskloof Pinotage 2007

**Winemaker:** [Beyers Truter](#) (Beyerskloof)

#### Winemaking Notes



The Pinotage grapes were block selected before being hand picked at optimum ripeness. The wine was made in open fermenters and was on the skins for 3 days at an average temperature of 27 ĚC . Punching of the cap was done every 2 hours to extract the best colour and flavours from the grapes. After malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine the wine was aged in 100% new French oak for 23 months. The Pinotage was then barrel selected for the CWG Auction.

#### Tasting Notes

A full bodied Pinotage with a deep red colour. Intense dark fruit and plum flavours on the nose and palate. A wine with depth and complexity with a finish that gives a classic end to a great Pinotage.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.54 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2200	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.3 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1900	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 66	<b>TA:</b> 6.2 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2028	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 50	<b>pH:</b> 3.64

Boekenhoutskloof Noble Late Harvest Semillon  
**Winemaker:** [Marc Kent](#) (Boekenhoutskloof)

#### Winemaking Notes

Harvested in May 2006, this Noble Late Harvest was fermented with a selected Sauternes strain and spent a total of thirteen months in a new French oak barrique.

#### Tasting Notes

Rich botrytis aromas with honeyed texture and balanced acidity.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 375 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 11.59 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3800	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 375 ml	<b>RS:</b> 138.6 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R3200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 86	<b>TA:</b> 7.6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R3420	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 10	<b>pH:</b> 3.43

Boekenhoutskloof Syrah Auction Reserve 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Marc Kent](#) (Boekenhoutskloof)

#### Winemaking Notes

Natural ferment followed by twenty seven months maturation in old French oak barriques.



### Tasting Notes

Spicy notes with elegant violet and fynbos aromas. Ground pepper is evident on the palate with a complex texture and depth, bound together by focused tannins.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.23 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R5100	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R4200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 141	<b>TA:</b> 5.2 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R4437.50	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 80	<b>pH:</b> 3.82

Boplaas 12 Year Old Potstill Brandy Auction Reserve

**Winemaker:** [Carel Nel](#) (Boplaas)

### Winemaking Notes

100% Colombar, taken through double distillation and matured for 11 years in French Limousin barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Rich, golden colour. Lovely dried peach and vanilla flavours with a long, lingering finish. A brandy that my great grandfather, who exported to London in 1880, would have been proud of.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 39 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2600	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 4 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 68	<b>TA:</b> g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2383.33	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 12	<b>pH:</b>

Boplaas Cape Vintage Auction Reserve Port 2003

**Winemaker:** [Carel Nel](#) (Boplaas)

### Tasting Notes

Made from low yield (5 tons/ha) Touriga Nação and Tinta Barocca (36 year old) vines, this port has the potential to improve in the bottle for 15 years plus. Bottled unfiltered.

### Tasting Note

Made in the tradition of classic reserve Ports from Boplaas, this is a classic vintage port with a lovely deep black colour, firm tannins, good balance between alcohol and sugar and a long aftertaste.



Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 19 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 95.5 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1100	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 228	<b>TA:</b> 4.5 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1256.25	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 32	<b>pH:</b> 3.65

  
 Boschkloof Auction Reserve Shiraz 2006  
**Winemaker:** [Jacques Borman](#) (Boschkloof)

#### Winemaking Notes

The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness. Natural fermentation with maturation on skins for 21 days. No press juice was used, only free run. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine matured for 19 months in 95% French oak and 5% American oak.

#### Tasting Notes

Deep, dark in colour. Lovely, ripe berry and white pepper with a hint of violets and oriental spice. Supple savoury tannins. Soft long-finish and a great food style wine showing good ageing potential.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 15.15 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2100	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.14 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1900	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 80	<b>TA:</b> 5.53 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R40	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 40	<b>pH:</b> 3.74

  
 Bouchard Finlayson Unfiltered Pinot Noir 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Peter Finlayson](#) (Bouchard Finlayson)

#### Winemaking Notes:

In the winemaking, 10% of the grapes were supplied as whole bunch and 50% as whole berry. Cold maceration for 4-5 days with post fermentation maceration of ten days. Lightly pressed and barrel matured for 16 months. After thorough microbiological examination, the wine was bottled unfiltered.

#### Tasting Notes:

Engaging aroma of cherries, with long, velvety concentrated black fruit and a mouth-filling palate feel.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml & 1.5L	<b>Alc:</b> 14.58 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R4200		<b>RS:</b> 2 g/l



**Lowest:** R3800  
**Average:** R3992

**Case Size :** 6 x 750 ml /  
3 x 1.5 L      **TA:** 6 g/l  
**pH:** 3.62

**No. of cases produced:** 122 (750ml)  
/ 11 (1.5L)

**No. of cases sold:** 50

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Cape Point Vineyards Auction Reserve Semillon 2008  
**Winemaker:** [Duncan Savage](#) (Cape Point Vineyards)

#### Winemaking Notes

Traditional handling, barrel fermented and aged for 11 months in second-fill barrels.

#### Tasting Notes

Tropical fruit with herbaceous tones on the nose follow to a richly textured palate with fantastic length. A great food partner that will develop beautifully over the next few years.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.58 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 60	<b>TA:</b> 6.8 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1315	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 40	<b>pH:</b> 3.2

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Cape Point Vineyards Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc 2008  
**Winemaker:** [Duncan Savage](#) (Cape Point Vineyards)

#### Winemaking Notes

100% barrel fermented Sauvignon Blanc. The grapes were basket pressed, followed by spontaneous fermentation in 600 litre French oak. The wine was aged in barrel (1/3 new, 2/3 second-fill) for 11 months before undergoing a light filtration and bottling.

#### Tasting Notes

An elegant wine showing citrus, orange blossom and limes; following on to a fresh, tight palate with fantastic aging potential.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13,67 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3000	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3,5 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2300	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 60	<b>TA:</b> 7,6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2766.67		<b>pH:</b> 3,19



**No. of cases sold: 36**

Cederberg Private Cellar Semillon 2009

**Winemaker:** [David Nieuwoudt](#) (Cederberg Private Cellar)

#### Winemaking Notes

Skin contact for 12 hours and only free run juice was used. 70% of the wine was cold fermented in stainless steel. 30% was fermented in French oak for 4 months before the wines were blended to show fresh Semillon fruit with creamy lees character.

#### Tasting Notes

Distinctive, cool-climate minerality with nettles, green fig and dusty dry fynbos expressive of Elim provenance. The small proportion fermented in French oak has added complexity and length with smoky bacon aromas. Firm acidity for mouth watering freshness. Ideally suited to food and fresh enough for solo enjoyment.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.06 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1300	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 50	<b>TA:</b> 7.05 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1395	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 40	<b>pH:</b> 3.2

Cederberg Teen Die Hoog Shiraz 2007

**Winemaker:** [David Nieuwoudt](#) (Cederberg Private Cellar)

#### Winemaking Notes

The name "Teen Die Hoog" was given by the workers on the farm - not because they see this cold South Easterly facing red slate hill as the highest vineyard in the country, but because they see it as their toughest pick of the season. The grapes were picked with great phenolic ripeness at the beginning of April after a long ripening period. Cold maceration for 4 days was followed by pump overs every 6 hours. The wine went through malolactic fermentation in new French oak where it matured for 15 months. Unfiltered, this is a selection of the 3 best barrels.

#### Tasting Notes

Power with elegance. Modern and delicious. Intense Shiraz fruit. The low-yielding red slate vineyards result in lovely roasted coffee, ripe plum with dark chocolate and spicy fynbos flavours. Velvety texture with supple, well balanced tannins. Impressive length. Will develop superbly over the next 4 to 8 years. Long finish.

Price raised per case

Packaging

Analysis



6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.48 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R		<b>TA:</b> 6.02 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 140	<b>pH:</b> 3.42
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b>	

De Grendel Cabernet Sauvignon 2006  
**Winemaker:** [Charles Hopkins](#) (De Grendel Wines)

**Winemaking Notes:**  
 The grapes came from thirty-two year old bush vines with a low yield, resulting in concentrated fruit. Pressed in a basket press, the wine was made in a punch-down method and matured for 18 months in new French oak.

**Tasting Notes:**  
 Ripe with sweet tannins, big concentration from the old low-yield bush vines. Cabernet / cassis, black fruit and great longevity.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2100	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.8 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1000		<b>TA:</b> 6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1500	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 76	<b>pH:</b> 3.67
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 60	

De Grendel Die Koetshuis 2008  
**Winemaker:** [Charles Hopkins](#) (De Grendel Wines)

**Winemaking Notes:**  
 Separately vinified then blended and fermented in two barrels. In barrel for 120 days with frequent batonage.

**Tasting Notes:**  
 A wine that expresses our unique soil and climate on the farm. Typical Durbanville fruit with great balance between lemongrass, granadilla and rounded off with soft, vanilla flavours of the barrels.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 12.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1400	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 1.6 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R700		<b>TA:</b> 6.8 g/l



**Average:** R892.50

**No. of cases  
produced:** 144

**pH:** 3.37

**No. of cases sold:** 80

De Trafford Perspective 2007 (750ml & 375ml bottles)

**Winemaker:** [David Trafford](#) (De Trafford Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes

The grapes are from our carefully manicured Mont Fleur vineyard 400m above sea level, between the Helderberg and Stellenbosch mountains. Planted in 1994 with narrow 2m rows and a high planting density of 5000 vines/ha. Open-top fermentation took place in a small tank, two days pre-fermentation soak, fermentation with indigenous yeast and four days post-fermentation maceration. Total 14 days on skins. Drained into new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and 20 months maturation before bottling unfiltered. No fining.

#### Tasting Notes

Still quite closed and very youthful, but showing density and hidden complexity. Fine, firm tannins with integrated fruit lingering on the palate with a long finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml & 375ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.83 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2900		<b>RS:</b> 1.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2700	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml & 6 x 375ml	<b>TA:</b> 5.5 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2805	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 110 / 66	<b>pH:</b> 3.58
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b>	

Engelbrecht Els CWG 2007

**Winemaker:** [Louis Strydom](#) (Engelbrecht Els Vineyards)

#### VINIFICATION & STYLE

The different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot were vinified separately in open stainless steel fermenters. The combination of punch downs and pump overs ensure maximum extraction of grape flavour and tannins. The wine was matured for 18 months in 300 litre oak barrels. 80 % of the barrels were new; 80% were French oak and 20% were American white oak.

#### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Crimson red with a bright rim.

**Aroma:** The wine has prominent Cabernet Sauvignon characteristics of sandalwood, leather and tobacco



aromas. These are supported by hints of spice from the Shiraz and a strong blackberry core. Full, juicy red fruits and floral aromas complete the bouquet.

Palate: The Engelbrecht Els CWG 2007 has a full palate weight with tannins that are showing good integration and length. The initial mineral impression is followed by juicy plum and black cherry flavours and concludes with a smoky coffee aftertaste.

Impression: A wine with a rich oak component that will benefit from further maturation, reaching its peak after 8 - 10 years.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750ml	<b>Alc:</b> 15 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R5100	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R4100	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 110	<b>TA:</b> 5.9 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R4340	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 70	<b>pH:</b> 3.66

Flagstone The Secret Handshake 2005  
**Winemaker:** [Bruce Jack](#) (Flagstone Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

Many people assume the CWG is a bit of a boy's club. This isn't true, but I still think we should have a secret handshake. However, no one has taken this seriously enough to even let me put it on the AGM as an agenda item. I thought therefore I should just make a secret wine. I can not share the origin of the vineyards with you, as this is a secret. Many think this has been matured in French oak - I can not confirm or deny this, as I have used some very special barrels, which may or may not have come from France. The wine is delicious, and is so creamy and luscious because of the blend, the exact proportions of which I have been sworn to silence about by my cellar hands.

#### Tasting Notes

Deep, mysterious colour introduces an intriguingly complex nose of summer red berry fruit, a touch of vanilla and pepper and a hint of mint and fennel. Soft, balanced flavours of plum, chocolate and cassis are framed by an elegant, ethereal touch of wood.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1600	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.3 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1000	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 100	<b>TA:</b> 6.2 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1218.52	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 54	<b>pH:</b> 3.49



Flagstone Weather Girl 2006

**Winemaker:** [Bruce Jack](#) (Flagstone Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

The Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon both originate from the Moddervlei farm in the Elim area. The grapes were hand picked during February and March at optimal ripeness. Grape pickings were either whole-bunch pressed or crushed and left to cold soak for 12-24 hours. The cultivars were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks, using a variety of different yeasts. Post fermentation lees contact took place in tank after which the wines were racked off the lees and blended. Bottled under screwcap.

#### Tasting Notes

Pale yellow with a beautiful green tint around the edge. Clear and shiny. Nice green fig leaves and herbaceous characters on the nose, combined with prominent dusty mineral aroma. Lovely hints of passion fruit and paw paw. Amazing aromas exploding on entry. The wine has an elegant creamy fullness with perfectly balanced acidity. The mid palate is full of ripe citrus flavours, ending with a lingering clean aftertaste.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.11 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1400	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R800	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 416	<b>TA:</b> 6.1 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R990	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 40	<b>pH:</b> 3.17

Grangehurst Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2005

**Winemaker:** [Jeremy Walker](#) (Grangehurst Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from two Stellenbosch vineyards with a splash of Petit Verdot. Fermented in open tanks, basket pressed and matured in 225 Litre French oak barrels for 28 months.

#### Tasting Notes

Dark ruby with a slight garnet edge. Aromas and flavours of violets, red berries and cassis with some mocha and cedar. Lively on the palate with robust, ripe tannins that will enable this wine to develop and improve for at least 8 years from vintage.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.3 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1900	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 151	<b>TA:</b> 5.8 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1448.89		<b>pH:</b> 3.58



**No. of cases sold: 90**

Jordan Chardonnay Auction Reserve 2008

**Winemaker:** [Gary Jordan](#) (Jordan Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

Specially selected for the CWG Auction, this reserve Chardonnay is traditionally made using natural, wild yeast from the acclaimed Nine Yards Chardonnay vineyard. Intensely concentrated lemon-lime flavours and slow fermentation in 228 litre Burgundian oak barrels for twelve months has resulted in a classic style with a new world twist. Quartzite veins running through the 600 million year old granite sub-strata provide the backbone for the minerally flavours. Regular barrel rolling accentuates the rich, leesy character in this elegantly expressive wine.

#### Tasting Notes

An iconic Chardonnay with intense, minerally, lemon-lime flavours and hints of butterscotch and vanilla. The full, rich mouthfeel and balanced oak integrates superbly with the tropical fruit finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.7 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2200	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.4 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1900	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 148	<b>TA:</b> 6.1 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1977.50	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 80	<b>pH:</b> 3.32

Jordan Sophia 2007

**Winemaker:** [Gary Jordan](#) (Jordan Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

A blend of the best "Cobblers Hill" barrels and a reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine has been named "Sophia" after the legendary mother of Faith, Hope and Charity. Representing the characteristics of the three Bordeaux varieties that make up this exceptional wine, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes were harvested from the best hillside vineyards at Jordan, with views overlooking Table Mountain and False Bay. Fermented at 28°C with three pump-overs daily over the fermenting cap. After pressing, the wine was racked to barrel where it completed malolactic fermentation. The wine spent a total of 26 months in 225 litre French oak barrels to integrate the rich tannins and add complexity.

#### Tasting Notes

Complex, dark chocolate, black cherry and cassis intertwine with rich blackberry fruit and hints of vanilla and spice from the integrated French oak. Densely layered ripe tannins add to the opulent finish. Well-structured, this wine will reward careful cellaring for many years to come.

Price raised per case

Packaging

Analysis



6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.29 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.1 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R3000		<b>TA:</b> 6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R3275.56	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 176	<b>pH:</b> 3.5
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 90	

Kaapzicht Cape Blend Auction Reserve 2006  
**Winemaker:** [Danie Steytler](#) (Kaapzicht Estate)

#### Winemaking Notes

The three cultivars were vinified separately and the best tanks went to new French oak barrels for 24 months. Danie personally selected the best barrels to make up this blend.

#### Tasting Notes

Very intense dark ruby with a brooding, black centre massively structured with powerful tannins and serious oak treatment harmoniously woven into a tapestry of richly fruited layers. Superbly crafted with plush dark fruit and a tightly knit structure boding well for long life. A long focused finish, presently only hinting at the treasures to be revealed over the next 3-5 years and beyond.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.29 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1800	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R900		<b>TA:</b> 6.8 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1164	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 222	<b>pH:</b> 3.28
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 100	

Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon Auction Reserve 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Etienne le Riche](#) (Etienne le Riche Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes

The grapes were personally selected from one of the prime vineyards in my portfolio. 10 days of maceration were followed by 5 days fermentation on the skins was followed by 10 days maceration. Matured in new French oak barrels for 24 months

#### Tasting Notes

Vibrant, fresh ripe cherry fruitiness integrates well with a classic spiciness. The full, rich and classy palate is supported by firm yet fine tannin structure and a long finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.61 vol%



**Highest:** R3700  
**Lowest:** R3400  
**Average:** R3497.78

**Case Size :** 6 x  
750ml  
**No. of cases  
produced:** 107

**RS:** 2.3 g/l  
**TA:** 5.9 g/l  
**pH:** 3.79

**No. of cases sold:** 90

Louis Nel Neighbour's Wrath Cabernet Sauvignon 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Louis Nel](#) (Hidden Valley Winery)

#### Winemaking Notes

The grapes are from the Helderberg area and were naturally fermented with regular punch downs and left on the skins for 10 days. The wine was aged in French oak barrels for 24 months.

#### Tasting Notes

Lovely red plum and cassis mix with strawberry that follow through onto the palate. The tannins are big, soft and delicious and hug the mouth throughout the long finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.6 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1700	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 1.3 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1400	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 90	<b>TA:</b> 5.4 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1450	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 60	<b>pH:</b> 3.53

Luddite FIGJAM Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Niels Verburg](#) (Luddite Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes:

A barrel selection of Shiraz which was matured for 2 years in 100% French oak. 14% Cabernet Sauvignon was blended in to add structure and backbone.

#### Tasting Notes:

Dark fruit and spice dominate the nose. A rich entry of plums, dark cherries and cloves gives the palate good weight. The wine opens up to offer dark chocolate and liquorice, counterbalanced by good wooding and fine tannins.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2700	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2400	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 100	<b>TA:</b> 5.8 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2562.50		<b>pH:</b> 3.62



**produced:**

**No. of cases sold: 80**

Neil Ellis Rodanos 2007

**Winemaker:** [Neil Ellis](#) (Neil Ellis Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes

Exquisite parcels of Jonkershoek Valley Syrah and Piekenierskloof Grenache were separately vinified in open top fermenters. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine was racked into 100% new oak where the wine completed fermentation. After malolactic fermentation, individual components were classified and selected for inclusion into this blend. 17 months barrel maturation followed.

#### Tasting Notes

Deep in colour, this youthful elemental wine shows wonderful overlapping of aromas and flavours. Although oak is obvious on the nose, ripe sweet fruit is finely poised. Rich, ripe, generous soft mid palate with a juicy impression is supported by layered complexity. Well defined fine-grained tannins will allow for continued evolving in the cellar over time.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.47 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3300	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 1.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2600	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 176	<b>TA:</b> 5.9 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2887.50	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 80	<b>pH:</b> 3.69

Neil Ellis The Graduate 2006

**Winemaker:** [Neil Ellis](#) (Neil Ellis Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes

Exquisite parcels of Jonkershoek Valley Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon were separately vinified in open top fermenters. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine was racked into 100% new oak where the wine completed fermentation. After malolactic fermentation, individual components were classified and selected for inclusion into the 2006 Auction Reserve blend. 17 Months barrel maturation followed.

#### Tasting Notes

Deep in colour, this youthful elemental wine shows wonderful overlapping of aromas and flavours. The regional character of the Jonkershoek Valley is finely poised. The perfumed violet / mocha aromas, good concentration, savoury flavours and classically structured palate are in superb balance. Beautifully defined with its meaty nuances and fine-grained tannins will allow for continued evolving in the cellar over time.

Price raised per case

Packaging

Analysis



6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.4 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3300	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1700		<b>TA:</b> 5.3 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2216	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 333	<b>pH:</b> 3.75
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 100	

Nitida Decorous Sauvignon Blanc 2009  
**Winemaker:** [Bernhard Veller](#) (Nitida Cellars)

#### Winemaking Notes

A cold and wet budding season led to a perfect long, cool ripening period. This, plus vigilant canopy management and mild stress in the vineyard from dry conditions gave us enviable flavour complexity. The 2009 Decorous is made from our favourite tank of grapes, harvested from a single vineyard on the farm. We picked on flavour looking for our wonderful steely Durbanville pyrazines with just enough tropical flavours to give a balanced full mouthfeel. Healthy grapes meant we could allow 24 hours of skin contact extracting maximum varietal aromas. Decorous is made from only free run juice which is protected and cared for throughout in the very pedantic Nitida way.

#### Tasting Notes

A wine to entertain all your senses. Racy, nettle and herb driven nose leads to delicious pyrazine grass and mushy peas on the palate, with super tones of soft pineapple, gooseberries and winter melon. The finish is all distinctive Nitida - full, lovely taut acid with lingering khakibos.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1800		<b>TA:</b> 6.1 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R226.67	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 53	<b>pH:</b> 3.5
	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 30	

Overgaauw D.C. Classic 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Braam van Velden](#) (Overgaauw Estate)

#### Winemaking Notes

The wines were blended after fermentation and matured in 100% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

#### Tasting Notes

Concentrated aromas of cassis, raspberry and chocolate combined with integrated wood and tannin structure for good balance and length.



Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.4 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2300	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.4 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R900	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 150	<b>TA:</b> 6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1025.71	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 70	<b>pH:</b> 3.5

Saronsberg Dewaldt Heyns Shiraz / Viognier 2006  
**Winemaker:** [Dewaldt Heyns](#) (Saronsberg Cellar)

#### Winemaking Notes

This Shiraz / Viognier blend is a collaboration between the Heyns family and Saronsberg. The grapes were hand-picked, bunch-sorted, destemmed and berry-sorted on vibration tables. A portion of 12% was kept whole bunch. The mash was left in the fermenters for a five-day cold soak. Including fermentation and extended maceration the time on the skins totalled 17 days. The wine was then pressed into 100% new 300 litre French Allier oak barrels where it completed malolactic fermentation.

The Viognier was pressed whole bunch, settled and fermented in barrel separately from the Shiraz to preserve its delicate floral flavours. After 12 months the two portions were blended and left in barrel for a total of 18 months. A coarse sheet-filter preceded bottling.

#### Tasting Notes

The Shiraz (92%) Viognier (8%) blend has a bright red colour with prominent red berry and plum flavours with violets and spice undertones. The palate is full bodied, showing structured elegant tannins.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.5 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3100	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.3 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 150	<b>TA:</b> 5.2 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2392	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 50	<b>pH:</b> 3.65

Saronsberg Die Erf Viognier 2007  
**Winemaker:** [Dewaldt Heyns](#) (Saronsberg Cellar)

#### Winemaking Notes

The Viognier grapes were hand picked from low-yielding (30hl/ha) vines, pressed whole bunch and settled. The juice was racked to a new French Allier oak barrel and allowed to ferment with natural yeast for a period of three weeks at 17 – 21 °C. After fermentation, the wine received a low sulphur addition



and was left on its fermentation lees for 14 months. It was racked and bottled unfiltered.

#### Tasting Notes

The Viognier shows a pale straw colour with orange blossom, peach and spicy flavours. The palate is full bodied with integrated oak flavours and a mineral finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.29 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1800	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1700	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 43	<b>TA:</b> 5.1 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1735.71	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 28	<b>pH:</b> 3.68

Simonsig Auction Reserve Pinotage 2007

**Winemaker:** [Johan Malan](#) (Simonsig)

#### Winemaking Notes

A twelve year old bush vine vineyard planted on a shale soil produced these excellent quality grapes. Picked at the end of January at 27 °C with high natural acidity. Two days of cold soak were followed by a very active 3 day fermentation at 26-27 °C. Wood maturation lasted 25 months in 100% new French (77%) and American (23%) oak before the Pinotage was bottled exclusively for the Auction.

#### Tasting Notes

Dark, brooding black berry fruit, infused with perfumed, sweet vanilla pod aromas. Rich, complex plum and sour cherry flavours intertwine with smooth ripe tannins. A boldly structured, full bodied Pinotage from an outstanding vintage indicates excellent maturation potential.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 15.3 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1800	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2.1 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 121	<b>TA:</b> 6.2 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1360	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 80	<b>pH:</b> 3.42

Simonsig Auction Reserve Shiraz 2007

**Winemaker:** [Johan Malan](#) (Simonsig)

#### Winemaking Notes

Low yielding vineyard (5.5 T/ha) on deep red Hutton soil produced super ripe grapes. Viognier skins were added to the fermenter and gentle pump-overs with 3 delestages during 25 days on skins. Malolactic fermentation in barrel and 4 rackings were done during the 26 months in a single new Francois Freres



Nevers barrel.

#### Tasting Notes

Juicy, ripe mulberries and spicy cinnamon sugar on the nose. Hints of white pepper aromas are layered with a cedary oak influence. Beautifully concentrated fruit in a framework of fine grained tannins culminating in a long silky Shiraz finish.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.74 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2500	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.49 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2400	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 51	<b>TA:</b> 2.1 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2450	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 40	<b>pH:</b> 5.8

Solo The Guildsman 2006

**Winemaker:** [Philip Costandius](#) (Solo Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes:

Grapes selected from the Faure region and the Lourensford valley were harvested at an average of 25 ËšB and sorted prior to processing. Destalking and light crushing preceded the gravity feed to the fermentation tanks. Yeast was added to the must and a daily regime of 3 rack-and-return operations were carried out. Upon completion of the alcoholic fermentation, the wine was immediately transferred to new 300 litre, French oak barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation and further maturation for 25 months. The wine was finally bottled on 6 February 2008.

#### Tasting Notes:

Dense, inky red colour. Aromas of leather, vanilla and Rooibos tea are woven into a complex nose. The palate is quite a muscular frame containing an elegant core; rather like a ballet dancer. The tannins are still youthful and enduring.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14.38 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1400	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 3.7 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1000	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 125	<b>TA:</b> 6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1124	<b>No. of cases sold:</b>	<b>pH:</b> 3.54

Villiera Shooting Star Chardonnay Brut 2005

**Winemaker:** [Jeff Grier](#) (Villiera Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes:



Slightly unripe, healthy fruit was whole bunch pressed in a pneumatic bag press. Only the Cuvée (500 litres/ton) was settled and naturally fermented. After stabilisation and addition of the liqueur de tirage, the wine was bottled for second fermentation. After 27 months on the lees, this sparkling wine was riddled and disgorged. Dosage ensured perfect balance and a further 2 years on the cork has resulted in peak maturity.

#### Tasting Notes:

Rich, creamy, yeasty nose with a full, ripe toasty flavour on the palate, developing finesse and complexity on the aftertaste. Powerful and bracing to drink now but could develop more intensity with another year in the bottle.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 12.2 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R2900	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 7.6 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2600	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 56	<b>TA:</b> 5.5 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2717.65	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 34	<b>pH:</b> 3.5

Villiera Terre Rouge 2005

**Winemaker:** [Jeff Grier](#) (Villiera Wines)

#### Winemaking Notes:

After years of sourcing red fruit in Devon Valley, the quality produced by the Terre Rouge (red earth) was obvious. The 2005 Auction blend includes Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc selected from the band of red earth in the area. The grapes were picked at optimum ripeness, crushed and destalked before transferring to a red wine fermentation vessel. Regular pump overs ensured good texture and colour. After gentle pressing, the young wine was racked to new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Evolution in the barrels was enhanced by three rackings and the wine was finally removed after 24 months before being bottled.

#### Tasting Notes:

The wine displays an attractive dark red colour with intense aromas of dark berry fruit and a hint of spice and tobacco. The new oak makes a subtle contribution with nuances of vanilla and coffee on the palate. The wine is well balanced with ripe, dry tannins and a rich, long finish, ensuring sufficient structure for extended maturation.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750 ml	<b>Alc:</b> 13.84 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R1700	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 2 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R1200	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 215	<b>TA:</b> 6 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R1335	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 80	<b>pH:</b> 3.35



Waterford Estate Auction Reserve 2005  
**Winemaker:** [Kevin Arnold](#) (Waterford Estate)

#### Winemaking Notes

This Bordeaux-style wine was aged for 23 months in tight grained French barrels with medium toasting. Egg white fining and filtration took place prior to bottling

#### Tasting Notes

Dense crimson appearance, aromas of sandalwood, cedar and cigar box. The palate is tight and classically dry, balanced by natural acidity. Flavours of stone fruit and secondary development complement the dominant Cabernet Sauvignon notes of herb, leather and ripe cassis. Elegant, long finish with dry integrated structure, meant for extended ageing and further development.

Price raised per case	Packaging	Analysis
6 x 750ml or equivalent	<b>Bottle Size :</b> 750ml	<b>Alc:</b> 14 vol%
<b>Highest:</b> R3400	<b>Case Size :</b> 6 x 750 ml	<b>RS:</b> 1.8 g/l
<b>Lowest:</b> R2400	<b>No. of cases produced:</b> 100	<b>TA:</b> 5.8 g/l
<b>Average:</b> R2765.71	<b>No. of cases sold:</b> 70	<b>pH:</b> 3.65

Steve Tanzer Tastes and Rates the 2009 CWG Auction Wines

Stephen Tanzer recently tasted a selection of the 2009 CWG Auction wines for his [International Wine Cellar website \(click on this link to visit the website\)](#).

The International Wine Cellar provides extensive coverage of the world of fine wine. This critically acclaimed, independent, bimonthly publication is read by wine lovers in 28 countries. Every issue includes in-depth articles and interviews, plus tasting notes on over 500 wines.

Stephen Tanzer has served as Senior Editor and wine columnist for Food & Wine magazine and wine columnist for Forbes.

**Here's what he has to say** (read below for his ratings of these wines):

"As in recent years, I leaped at the opportunity to taste the South African wines that will be on offer at this year's Cape Winemakers Guild auction, to be held at the Spier estate in Stellenbosch on October 3. This annual event is sponsored by Nedbank, one of South Africa's largest banks. The Trust established by Nedbank supports the education and social needs of farm workers, their families and their communities.

The limited lots of wine that will be sold at the CWG auction theoretically represent the creme de la creme of South African winemaking. They are unique wines that are different from those offered under the



standard labels of the wineries. In some cases they represent a separate vinification of a favored parcel; in others they are special blends from a winery; and in still others they are comprise a selection of a top barrel or two.

As I noted last year, in order to be invited to become a member of the Guild, winemakers must have established a track record for making outstanding wines for at least five years. Members of the CWG are invited to submit samples of wines for the Auction, and at a blind tasting prior to each year's auction Guild members select a limited number of wines that show particular technical excellence and aging potential.

Most bottlings are extremely limited, typically just a half barrel or so of wine, often less and are sold in lots of 2, 4, 6 or 8 cases of 6 bottles. The 2008 auction featured a total of 2,520 cases of 6 bottles, with prices ranging from \$53 for a case of 6 bottles to as high as \$714. The bad news is that you are unlikely to see these wines in the marketplace, although a small percentage of these wines typically end up in the U.S., going mostly to private buyers.

However, if you are interested in bidding on any of these items, it's possible to accomplish this via proxy. Here's how to proceed: You must complete a Purchasers Card and a Bidding Form indicating the number of cases of each wine you would like to buy and the maximum amount per case you'd like to bid. Proxy bidders will then bid on your behalf at the auction. If your bid is successful, you can ship purchased wines either using your own shipping agent or through the Guild's courier company, The Vineyard Connection.

Interested bidders should contact General Manager Kate Jonker at 27 (0)21 852 0408 or [kate@capewinemakersguild.com](mailto:kate@capewinemakersguild.com) for further details and to obtain a copy of the Purchasers Card and Bidding Schedule.

Below I offer tasting notes on most of the wines on offer this year."

### **2007 Cederberg Shiraz CWG Teen die Hoog Cederberg**

(100% shiraz, aged 15 months in new French oak) Bright red-ruby. Enticing high tones to the aromas of red raspberry, spicy herbs and white pepper. Tightly wound, even imploded, today but already showing superb inner-mouth energy and subtle peppery, floral lift. Not at all a thick style of shiraz: this reminds me of a cool-climate version from Australia. A fascinating, polished, distinctly modern-style wine with subtle finishing notes of minerals, dark chocolate and flowers. Very distinctive and built to age.

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### **2007 Neil Ellis Wines CWG Rodanos Jonkershoek Valley/Piekenierskloof**

(a 61/39 blend of shiraz and grenache) Good bright red-ruby. Sexy smoky oak over redcurrant, sandalwood and lily of the valley on the nose. Silky on entry, then suave and spherical, with an almost pinot-like texture to the juicy flavors of sweet berries, spices, incense and minerals. A very classy blend, finishing with soft, fine-grained tannins and impressive clarity of flavor. A beauty.

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### **2007 Louis Nel Cabernet Sauvignon CWG Neighbour's Wrath Stellenbosch**

(with 4% merlot) Bright ruby-red. Sexy, complex nose delivers berries, smoke and a hint of oak. Wonderfully sweet and silky, with perfectly integrated acidity giving energy to the broad, seamless middle palate. According to my tech sheets, this is one of the driest wines of the entire set of auction items this year (and one of just a few that carry less than two grams per liter of residual sugar), and yet it conveys an impression of compelling sweetness. Very long and broad on the aftertaste, with big, fine-grained tannins



that are perfectly integrated with the wine's fruit.

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**2006 Boschkloof Shiraz CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

(15.2% alcohol) Bright red-ruby. Red berry aromas are lifted by sexy spicy oak and floral notes of violet and rose petal. Juicy, lively and deep, with lovely clarity of red berry and spice flavors. Blacker fruits emerge as the wine opens in the glass. A real spice bomb of a shiraz, and not at all overly sweet. Finishes with a broad, fine dusting of tannins and a surprisingly light touch. This offers very good aging potential.

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**2006 Engelbrecht Els CWG Engelbrecht Els Stellenbosch**

(a blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% shiraz and 10% merlot) Bright red-ruby color. Very ripe, sexy aromas of blackberry, chocolate, leather, cinnamon, mint and pepper. Broad, dense and very intense, with rich plum and cherry fruit flavors showing a surprisingly light touch. The wine's noteworthy sweetness (3.7 grams per liter r.s.) are nicely buffered by strong underlying mineral structure. The dusty, fine-grained tannins build with air, but without showing any hardness.

92(+?)

**2005 Villiera Wines CWG Terre Rouge Stellenbosch**

(a blend of cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc) Good bright medium red. Sexy aromas of berries, smoke, tobacco, iron, mint, pepper and dusty herbs. Sweet, juicy and complex, with an enticing light touch to the flavors of redcurrant, tobacco, spices and lavender. There's something Graves-like about this firmly structured but pliant wine. Finishes firmly tannic and long.

92

**2007 Saronsberg Viognier CWG Die Erf Coastal**

Bright, pale yellow-gold. Funky, old-school nose shows a distinct leesy, smoky reduction initially, then some higher-pitched grapefruit and spices; I might have guessed mature white Burgundy rather than viognier. Then fat and ripe in the mouth, with varietally typical flavors of peach, apricot, candied violet and honeysuckle. Slightly sweet and impressively full but with a light touch. Finishes with a subtle dusty phenolic quality and terrific breadth and subtle persistence. A fascinating viognier that could be tasted against some bigtime Condrieus.

92

**2007 Luddite Wines CWG FIGJAM Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon Western Cape**

(an 86/14 blend) Bright red-ruby. Captivating aromas of blueberry, mulberry, dark cherry, spices and dried flowers, all lifted by a whiff of orange peel. Juicy, brisk and initially closed, with the wine's classy dark fruit and bitter chocolate flavors currently dominated by some spiky acidity. Not a fleshy style but very fresh and nicely restrained, with a tangy quality that reminded me of pinot noir. Finishes with tight tannins that call for patience and a lingering suggestion of licorice. Very interesting wine, and not at all exaggerated for shiraz. This was aged entirely in French oak.

92

**2008 Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc CWG Barrell Fermented Sauvignon Blanc Cape Point**

Good pale yellow-gold. Knockout nose offers pineapple, grapefruit, orange blossom, spices and pepper. Densely packed and penetrating, with brisk acidity and good mineral cut giving a penetrating quality to the wine's flavors of lemon thyme, lime and dried herbs. Finishes long and graceful, with a captivating saline minerality and a lovely light touch. This beauty saw plenty of oak (it was 100% barrel-fermented, then aged in one-third new and two-thirds once-used barrels for 11 months), but you'd never know it.



92

**2008 Badenhorst Family Wines CWG Kalmoesfontein Noble Late Harvest Semillon Coastal (half bottle)**

(offered in 375 ml. bottles) Good deep gold. Knockout nose combines peach, tangerine, orange, clove and flowers, with distinct red berry hints and some honeyed high tones. Densely packed and very sweet but youthfully tight, with a high pitch and energetic acidity serving to intensify the very pure flavors of candied fruits and clove. This boasts terrific lift for a wine with just over 200 grams per liter of residual sugar.

92

**2008 Cederberg Semillon Private Cellar CWG Elim**

Pale silvery-yellow. Aromas of grass, pepper and fynbos; I might well have picked this as sauvignon. Then juicy, intense and penetrating, with complex, bracing flavors of white grapefruit, lime, shiso, pepper, spices, herbs and minerals complemented by a whiff of smoke. Almost dusty on the very long, palate-saturating finish. Fascinating wine, and much more pristine than the 2007 I tasted last year.

92

**2008 Jordan Winery Chardonnay CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

Yellow-gold color. Precise aromas of lemon, lime, tangerine and spices, lifted by sexy oak and orange oil. Structured, firm and serious, with underlying minerality giving shape to the flavors of orange, tropical fruits and spicy oak. Beautifully delineated, energetic chardonnay that finishes with excellent subtle length and lift. There's plenty of underlying richness here but right now it's partly hidden by the wine's acid cut.

92

**2007 De Trafford Wines CWG Persepective Stellenbosch**

(one-third each cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon and merlot; to be offered in standard 750 ml. and 375 ml. format) Bright red-ruby. Very ripe aromas of currant, tobacco and pepper. Supple and rather suave on the palate, with black and red berry flavors complicated by minerals, black cardamom and wild herbs. At once plump and serious thanks to its underlying minerality and firm, dusty tannins. I find this more refined than the 2005 version sold in last year's auction.

92

**2007 Beyerskloof CWG Cape Blend Stellenbosch**

(28% cabernet sauvignon, 28% merlot, 22% pinotage and 22% shiraz) Good deep red-ruby. Blackberry, boysenberry and smoke on the nose; this smells powerful! Then lush, velvety and sweet, with an utterly seamless texture to the very ripe flavors of dark berries, chocolate and smoky oak. Finishes with harmonious, perfectly buffered tannins and subtle hints of herbs and game. This big boy has the sweetness (actually 3.6 g/l r.s.) to give early pleasure but the material and structure to age.

92

**2007 Le Riche Wines Cabernet Sauvignon CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

(100% cabernet sauvignon) Good bright red-ruby. Classic cabernet aromas of currant, cherry skin, tobacco, spices, iron, graphite, smoke and herbs; smells like a Pauillac. Rich, sweet and concentrated, with lovely inner-mouth energy and clarity to the tight core of primary red and blue fruit flavors. As youthfully backward as this is, it finishes with very suave tannins and noteworthy lift. But this will need extended cellaring.

92(+?)



**2005 Waterford Estate CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

(80% cabernet sauvignon with 10% each merlot and malbec) Bright, dark red. Complex nose melds cassis, blackberry, cherry pit, cedary oak, meat and smoky tobacco. Broad, supple and dry, with good fresh acidity; in fact, a bit youthfully wound-up today. Perhaps most impressive today on the back end, where the flavors really spread out and the serious tannins dust the palate and build. An uncompromising wine that's built to age.

**91(+?)**

**2006 De Grendel Wines Cabernet Sauvignon CWG Coastal Region**

(blended with 14% malbec) Bright red-ruby. Ripe, expressive aromas of dark berries, plum, potpourri and dried flowers. Rich, concentrated and sweet, but with good energy to the flavors of dark berries and orange peel. This aged for 18 months in new French oak but you'd never know it. Very nicely focused and balanced cabernet, finishing firmly tannic and youthful, with a hint of sweetness.

**91(+?)**

**2006 Neil Ellis Wines The Graduate CWG Jonkershoek Valley**

Good medium red-ruby. Perfumed aromas of blackberry, cranberry and mocha offer lovely lift. Then juicy, young and rather unformed in the mouth, with a distinctly savory quality and a restrained sweetness-not to mention a slightly tart edge-to the berry flavors. But I like the fruit expression of this brisk, sexy wine, and it has the structure for an extended and graceful evolution in bottle.

**90+**

**2008 Ataraxia Chardonnay CWG Walker Bay**

Pale, bright yellow. Lovely sexy lift to the aroma of orange blossom; I would have guessed some noble rot was present. Then broad and fruit-driven on the palate, with a rather exotic character and an attractive floral nuance to the moderately complex flavors of cling peach and soft citrus fruits. This very satisfying chardonnay wears its oak gracefully and finishes with a surprisingly light touch, thanks to some apparent underlying minerality.

**90**

**2009 Nitida Wines Sauvignon Blanc CWG Decorus Durbanville**

Pale, bright yellow. Captivating aromas of pineapple, pear and peppery spices. Juicy, spicy and shapely; offers good weight and breadth without coming across as heavy. Rich, ripe flavors of pineapple, anise and dry spices are complemented by a hint of tropical fruits. This complex and nicely dry sauvignon finishes with excellent subtle persistence. Seems a bit less bracing but more immediately appealing than the 2008 did a year ago.

**90**

**2008 Cape Point Vineyards Semillon CWG Reserve Cape Point**

Bright yellow. Singular nose offers tropical fruits, nuts and peppery herbs. The palate comes across as rich but fairly dry, with brisk notes of herbs, spices and pepper. Still quite closed but this young semillon possesses real depth and heft. Clearly, this is a wine for the dinner table-but give it another 12 to 18 months.

**90**

**2007 Jordan Winery CWG Sophia Stellenbosch**

(54% cabernet sauvignon, 38% merlot and 8% cabernet franc) Bright red-ruby. Blueberry, black cherry and pepper on the nose. Juicy and sweet, with lovely lift and life to the flavors of cherry, blackberry, black pepper and spicy, chocolatey oak. Not the last word in complexity but finishes with sweet tannins and



noteworthy persistence.

**90**

**2006 Boekenhoutskloof Noble Late Harvest Semillon Reserve CWG Franschoek (half bottle)**

(139 g/l r.s. with 11.6% alcohol; aged for 13 months in a new French barrique; offered in 375 ml. bottles) Full medium gold. High-toned aromas of apricot nectar, honeycomb and smoky, vanillin oak, with hints of coconut and yellow raisin. A sweet, peachy fruit bomb in the mouth; thick and concentrated but not quite viscous thanks to firm acidity. Not the last word in complexity but firmly built and long, with a lingering finishing flavor of fresh apricot. (I did not publish a note on this winery's 2007 Syrah Reserve because my sample showed a note of old wood and lacked verve. As Boekenhoutskloof is a star producer of syrah, I assume my bottle was not representative.)

**90**

**2007 Bouchard Finlayson CWG Unfiltered Pinot Noir Walker Bay**

Medium red. Very ripe aromas of plum, spices and smoky oak, complicated by meaty and minerally nuances. Velvety and quite ripe (14.6% alcohol) for a pinot from this producer, with a distinctly spicy quality to the plum and smoked meat flavors. A sweeter flavor of black cherry emerged with aeration. Finishes quite persistent, with a broad dusting of tannins. This is available in magnums as well as standard bottles.

**90**

**2005 Flagstone Winery CWG The Secret Handshake Western Cape**

(a blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot) Good deep red-ruby. Expressive aromas of berries, plum, mint and smoke. Juicy and bright in the mouth, with a light touch and very good definition to the flavors of berries, chocolate and mint. Finishes sappy and firmly tannic, with very good subtle persistence and some cherry pit bite.

**90**

**2007 Beyerskloof Pinotage CWG Stellenbosch**

Good dark red. Restrained aromas of cherry, currant, smoked meat, leather and charcoal. At once silky and juicy, with an enticing sweetness to the flavors of cherry, currant, iron and graphite. Creamy at the center but an edge of acidity gives shape to the wine. A rather suave and deep example of pinotage, finishing with fine-grained tannins and subtle persistence.

**90**

**2005 Grangehurst Winery Cabernet Sauvignon CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

(blended with 9% petit verdot) Good full red-ruby. Aromatic nose combines redcurrant, mocha, violet, lavender and fresh herbs. A tightly wound, old-school cabernet with pungent berry, cedar and sandalwood flavors complicated by an element of botanical herbs. No excess flesh on these bones! This fresh, dry, rather uncompromising wine finishes with serious chewy tannins that will require at least another six or seven years of patience.

**90(+?)**

**2007 Simonsig Family Vineyards Pinotage CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

Saturated ruby-red. Blackberry, blueberry and raspberry fruit aromas are complicated by floral and sexy oak notes. Then juicy, spicy and high-pitched in the mouth, with a sour cherry flavor complemented by mellower coffee and vanilla notes. Finishes ripe and broad, with sweet tannins and a more velvety quality than the mid-palate would suggest (but then this wine weighs in at close to 15.5% alcohol). This has the backbone to age.



90

**2007 Simonsig Family Vineyards Shiraz CWG Reserve Stellenbosch**

Bright ruby-red. Mulberry, crushed brown spices and a touch of dried flowers on the nose. The fruit and spice flavors show very good depth but only moderate complexity, with an element of medicinal herbs suppressing the wine's sweetness. Finishes with dusty tannins and a faint hard edge.

89

**2006 Solo Wines CWG The Guildsman Stellenbosch**

(80% cabernet sauvignon, with 10% shiraz and 5% each mourvedre and merlot) Deep, bright red-ruby. Very ripe aromas of plum, leather and gunpowder tea, with a distinctly peppery shiraz note. Then broad and sweet but youthfully tight and inexpressive, with intense dark berry flavors currently dominated by the wine's spine of tannins and acids. One senses this very young wine's components and underlying sweetness today, but it's as primary as a barrel sample. My tech sheet notes that it has close to four grams per liter of residual sugar.

88(+?)

**2007 Overgaauw Wine Estate CWG D.C. Classic Stellenbosch**

(a blend of 67% merlot, 29% cabernet sauvignon and 4% cabernet franc) Good deep red. Very ripe aromas of dark berries, chocolate and mint. A supple and somewhat unrefined fruit bomb on the palate, but with the strong berry flavors carrying a load of chocolatey oak. There's a slightly oaky coarseness to the big, dusty tannins.

88

**2007 De Grendel Wines Semillon CWG Koetshuis Durbanville**

(a 75/25 blend of semillon and sauvignon blanc) Pale yellow. Musky, deeply pitched aromas of smoked meat and lees, with an element of barrel char currently dominating any underlying fruit. Then fat, rich, sappy and dry in the mouth, with good breadth to the pineapple flavor. But the smoky, vanillin oak element limits the wine's mid-palate complexity and adds a tannic edge to the finish.

88

**2005 Villiera Wines Chardonnay Brut CWG Shooting Star Stellenbosch**

Pale yellow-gold. Deep, leesy aromas of yellow fruits and melon. Soft, rich and round, with mellow, inviting flavors of nectarine, brown spices and butter. This mature sparkling wine could use a bit more lift.

