

Platters 5* Weine 2012

Die heiss erwarteten Resultate für die 5 Sterne Weine des Wine Guides Platters wurden soeben bekanntgegeben. Es mischen sich altbekannte Produzenten mit neuen Gesichtern.

Wie schon bei den Veritas Awards bemerkt geht ein beträchtlicher Anteil an 5* Weinen (nämlich 10 von 45) an die Sparte Süss- Schaum und Portwein. Die 45 Fünf-Stern Weine wurden aus über 7000 Weinen aus Südafrika auserkoren. Nach der Vorselektion waren es noch 139 Weine die als Anwärter auf den 5* Award in Frage kamen.



Selbstverständlich finden Sie über die nächsten Monate mindestens 15 der 45 Fünf-Stern Weine in den in unserem Angebot. www.kapweine.ch

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Platter's

We're delighted to announce the recipients of our highest rating – five stars – for the 2012 edition due in November.

Wines are graded in Platter's on a five star scale, from "Somewhat less than ordinary" to "Superlative. A South African classic". The guide strives to taste, rate and describe as many as possible of the South African-made wines available locally and overseas during the currency of the particular edition.

A record 7,000 wines are featured in the new edition (400 more than last time), of which 139 bottlings were identified in the first round of tasting by individual members of Platter's judging team as potentially worthy of five stars.

The candidate five star wines were then entered into a second round of evaluation, conducted "blind" (without sight of the label) across a variety of categories, including reds and whites, sparkling, dessert wines and port styles. Only bottled (i.e. market-ready) wines, available during the currency of the 2012 guide, were considered.

Of the 139 five star contenders, 45 got the nod from the assembled panel. Remarkably, three producers each netted three five star ratings, namely Boekenhoutskloof, for their Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and



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Semillon Noble Late Harvest; and Mullineux Family Wines, for their Syrah, White Blend and Straw Wine; and Nederburg, with their Ingenuity White, Edelkeur and Eminence. Graham Beck Wines was the other star performer, with five star ratings for two wines: the new Chalkboard #3 Cabernet Sauvignon and Pheasants' Run Sauvignon Blanc.

Noteworthy this edition is the high number of first-time five star recipients, including Badsberg Wine Cellar, Colmant Cap Classique & Champagne, Diemersfontein Wines, Glenelly Cellars, Miles Mossop Wines, Mont Destin and Oak Valley Wines. Established producers returning to five-star form after a gap of several years are La Motte, which last bagged the maximum rating in the 1995 edition, and KWV, in the 1986 guide.

The best-performing categories this edition are Red Blends, with seven wines, and Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Unfortified Dessert Wines and White Blends with five wines each. Of the single-variety white-wine categories, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Grenache Blanc yield three, two and one five star wines respectively, while Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc are the top order in the single-variety reds line-up.

The leading Wine of Origin appellations are Stellenbosch, with 9 five star wines, followed by Western Cape (7), Coastal (5), and Franschhoek, Paarl and Swartland, with 4 apiece.

Full results and comments from Cathy Marston.

<http://www.food24.com/Wine/Features/2012-Platter-5-Star-Wines-Released-20111010>

The Platter Wine Guide 5 Star awards for 2012 are released today to coincide with the WOSA tasting in London. 45 wines have been awarded 5 stars (down from 58 last year) with the biggest category being red blends – a reverse of last year when white blends topped the list.

Biggest winners this year are Boekenhoutskloof with top honours going to three of their wines (Syrah 09, Cabernet Sauvignon 09 and NLH Semillon 08), Swartland winery Mullineux Family Wines who gain 5 stars for their entire top range (Syrah 2009, White Blend 2010 and Straw Wine 2010) and Nederburg (Edelkeur 2010, Eminence 2010 and Ingenuity White 2010). Nederburg were Winery of the Year last year, and depending on how well the likes of Wolftrap and Porcupine Ridge do in the Superquaffer section, my money would be on Boekenhoutskloof to take that title when it's announced in November.

A few wines seem to be permanent fixtures in the 5 star stakes – Fleur du Cap NLH 2010 now into its fifth consecutive year and the two giants of the Port-world, De Krans and Boplaas also winning again – but there are some refreshing new names there as well. First time 5 Stars go to Mont Destin for their Destiny Shiraz, Colmant for their Brut Chardonnay and new winery Fable (formerly Tulbagh Mountain Vineyards, now owned by ex-Screaming Eagle MD, Charles Banks) for their Jackal Bird 2010, amongst others.

One winery which can't put a foot wrong at the moment is the KWV and the well-deserved 5 Stars for their Mentors Grenache Blanc 2010, coming hot on the heels of being the most successful winery ever at the Veritas awards, must surely put paid to any suggestions that they cannot produce wines of the very highest quality. Interesting as well to see this very niche variety now producing a second 5 star wine in a row (following on from The Foundry last year).

Notable omissions? No gongs for Kanonkop or Vergelegen this year, nor for Cape Point, Hamilton Russell, Le Riche, Woolworths or De Trafford. And considering all the buzz around South African Chardonnay this year, it's a bit surprising/disappointing to only see 2 wines getting 5 stars. I'm sure wineries such as Paul Cluver and Chamonix must feel the same.



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But on the flip side, it is good to see some first-timers from last year proving they aren't just one-hit wonders with Newton Johnson Domaine Pinot Noir 2009 getting 5 stars for a third and Topiary Blanc de Blancs Brut 2009 for a second time in a row. And a final, personal favourite – great to see a Cabernet Franc in the top ranks as well. Many congrats to all winners and I look forward to tasting them shortly.

For full media release, go to www.wineonaplatter.com

Platter 5 Star Wines for 2012.

Cabernet Franc

- Warwick 2008

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Boekenhoutskloof 2009
- Graham Beck Chalkboard #3 2007
- Stark-Condé Three Pines 2009

Pinot Noir

- Cape Chamonix Reserve 2010
- Newton Johnson Domaine 2010
- Oak Valley 2009

Shiraz/Syrah

- Boekenhoutskloof Syrah 2009
- Fairview The Beacon 2008
- Mont Destin Destiny 2007
- Mullineux Family Syrah 2009
- Saxenburg Select 2007

Red Blends

- Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2010
- De Toren Fusion V 2009
- Glenelly Lady May 2009
- La Motte Pierneef Shiraz-Viognier 2009
- Meerlust Rubicon 2007
- Miles Mossop Max 2008
- Sadie Family Columella 2009

Chardonnay

- De Wetshof The Site 2009
- Jordan CWG Auction Reserve 2010

Chenin Blanc

- Beaumont Hope Marguerite 2010
- Diemersfontein Carpe Diem 2010
- Vins d'Orrance Kama 2010

Grenache Blanc

- KWV Mentors 2010

Sauvignon Blanc

- Graham Beck Pheasants' Run 2011
- Hermanuspietersfontein No 5 2010
- Kleine Zalze Family Reserve 2010



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- Steenberg CWG Auction Reserve The Magus 2010
- Strandveld 2010

White Blends

- Fable Jackal Bird 2010
- Flagstone CWG Auction Reserve Happy Hour 2009
- Mullineux White Blend 2010
- Nederburg Ingenuity 2010
- Tokara Director's Reserve 2010

Méthode Cap Classique Sparkling

- Colmant Brut Chardonnay NV
- Topiary Blanc de Blancs Brut 2009

Natural Sweet

- Badsberg Badslese 2009

Dessert Wine Unfortified

- Boekenhoutskloof Noble Late Harvest 2008
- Fleur du Cap Noble Late Harvest 2010
- Mullineux Family Straw Wine 2010
- Nederburg Edelkeur 2010
- Nederburg Eminence 2010

Port

- Boplaas Family Cape Vintage Reserve 2009
- De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve 2009



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