

The Top 100 South African Wines? Probably not!

Mit den „Top 100 SA wines“ gibt es in Südafrika einen neuen Weinwettbewerb, der sich zum Ziel gesetzt hat die 100 besten Weine aufzulisten. Die Resultate der gerade erschienen Rangliste hat in der Weinindustrie für viel Aufsehen, Empörung und Ärger geführt. Speziell, da nur aus 390 eingereichten Weinen die „angeblichen“ besten 100 Weine Südafrikas ausgewählt worden sind. Da fehlen selbstverständlich viele Namhafte Produzenten und somit hat diese Liste wenig Aussagekraft, wenn es um die 100 besten Weine aus Südafrika geht. Sicherlich ist unter den aufgeführten Weinen kein mittelmässiger Wein zu finden. Aber die Top 100 sind es nicht.

Hierzu haben diverse Journalisten eine Gegenliste veröffentlicht und diverse Berichte geschrieben. Lesen Sie die hierzu folgenden spannenden Seiten, wenn es darum geht was nun die wirklichen Top 100 Weine aus Südafrika sind.

Top 100 SA wines? Well, not quite



The latest competition for South African wines – and perhaps the most widely unwelcomed in the media in advance, for right and wrong reasons – announced its results at a function on 19 April. One hundred wines had been chosen out of a just-about respectable 390 valid entries. They are presented without any internal hierarchy – just an alphabetical list (from Aaldering to Zorgvliet; see the full list below), with no scores attached. That is, the judges' task was to eliminate just under three out of each four bottles.

Looking positively at it all (and I'm afraid I'm always a competition sceptic, and more convinced by the problems), the 100 winners are mostly good wines, though there are a few that one wonders about – but there always are anomalies in such competitions. Personally, I think it much more sensible to offer a bank of winners like this, rather than parcelling out medals and rankings, which just tend, too often, to point to the problem of odd judgements. And certainly most of the winning producers will prefer this system. (The also-ran wines are always carefully catered for by organisers, who never mention them – this competition abides by that universal bit of organiser cynicism: don't reveal the losers, it makes producers unhappy!)

And, going by what various judges have told me, Top 100 was clearly a well-organised and happy event. Panel chair Tim Atkin is quoted as saying that “Top 100 SA wines is one of the most exciting projects I



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have ever been involved with, setting new standards of professionalism and integrity for the Cape wine industry” (which is surely somewhat excessive, and grossly unfair to, for example, the Trophy Wine Show – but I should think he’ll be invited back next year, wouldn’t you?).

On the basis of what it has produced in its inaugural year, I should also think owner/organiser Robin von Holdt will be well satisfied, and feel entitled to expect a better entry next year.

Presumably some of the strange inclusions in the Top 100 list are because of the fairly small number of entries, but some of the inclusions and presumed exclusions are odd. Not a single Pinot Noir, though nine were apparently entered, and would presumably have included those of Bouchard Finlayson and Paul Cluver. The idea that those wines are not superior to some of the actual winners is baffling, even if you don’t think SA pinots are that great (but are our merlots that great? – not the Creation and Slaley ones, in my opinion, which are on the list, and which I tasted at the launch function).

And (also presumably), Steenberg would have entered the esteemed Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, if not the Magna Carta – but it was the pretty modest Steenberg HMS Rattlesnake which the judges chose.

Top-performing producers were Saronsberg and Cederberg; between them they apparently produce one tenth of the top 100 wines in the country.

Incidentally, an overview of the winners shows a pretty equal distribution between white and red: 46 white (plus seven bubbly and dessert wines) versus 43 red (plus four ports). The white triumph is more marked, however, when you learn from the statistics supplied in the book that there were vastly more red than white table wines entered – 222 as opposed to 143!

Of the whites, chenin was the easy leader, which is nice, followed by sauvignon and then chardonnay. The reds were led pretty equally by cabernet sauvignon, shiraz, and Bordeaux-style blends.

So to the real problems

The main problem is what the main problem was always going to be: the name of the competition, and the words that appear on the cover of the book. They come nowhere near expressing the truth. Which is a polite way of saying it’s a lie: these are by a very long distance not the top 100 South African wines. **Just to list the most obvious absentees, it is nonsense to call your book this, when the non-appearances include Ataraxia, Boekenhoutskloof, Chamonix, De Toren, De Trafford, Eagles’ Nest, Haskell, Kanonkop, Meerlust, Morgenster, Sadie, Vergelegen and Waterford – a list which could be augmented by at least as many again famous names.**

The list of a Top 100 that Angela Lloyd drew up for Grape from the votes of nine industry professionals recently (see here) is obviously not definitive by any means, but it does provide a useful measure for comparison. Of the ten wines that ALL nine Grape panellists voted for, only three are represented here. Of the producers in Angela’s list, 48 (by my rough count) did NOT enter this competition, while just 23 did.

Is it a problem that wines of the two South African winemaker-judges came through? And that all the winemakers on Robin von Holdt’s absurdly named “Wine Industry Executive” were also represented amongst the winners? Perhaps it is a problem for the “professionalism and integrity” that so enthused Tim Atkin – and I say that in sincere confidence that the winemakers didn’t judge their own wines, and that Tim’s chaire and integrity would have been beyond reproach. But in the absence of any mention on the



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website or the press release of any independent auditors, it is going to make some eyebrows rise. (I will follow up the question of an independent audit as soon as possible.)

The book

The book-of-the-show will apparently only be available in the first week of May. At R149, it's something of a disappointment, in fact. Apart from nice maps, a fragment of industry information, some background stuff about the competition itself, and a little this and that, it is devoted to presenting the winning 100 wines. Two pages for each (the book is about as wide as Platter, but a little taller, and thinner), including a picture of the label, and some widely-spaced information about the winery and the wine, to accompany the judges' and winemaker's comments about the wine. But a trifle oddly, amongst the welter of information, the acidity and residual sugar levels of the wines (important info for geeks!) is absent.

I most enjoyed, I'm afraid, the statistics and logistics about the competition – from the number of entries that were “declined” (15 of them – why? something else to follow up), to the number of water biscuits consumed (3600). Fascinatingly there were only 40 faulty wines, of which corked wine counted for 23; only four had brett, which is cheering. But none at all, apparently, showed the notorious burnt rubber, which, given that Tim Atkin and Sam Harrop were involved – both famous accusers of South African wine being full of that nasty character – is extraordinary. If we didn't have Tim's assurance about the integrity of the whole business, I'd have thought it was a bit of a misrepresentation!

The winners of the Top 100 SA Wines competition

- Aaldering Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2007
- Allée Bleue Isabeau 2010
- Anwilka 2008
- Badendorst Family Wines Red 2007
- Bergsig Estate Cape LBV 2000
- Bon Courage Jacques Bruère Brut Blanc de Blancs 2007
- Boschendal Cecil John Reserve Shiraz 2008
- Boschendal Reserve Collection Chardonnay 2009
- Bosman Family Vineyards Optenhorst Chenin Blanc 2009
- Bosman Family Vineyards Pinotage 2009
- Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Limited Edition Chardonnay 2009
- Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh 2009
- Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh 2010
- Cederberg Blanc de Blancs Brut 2006
- Cederberg Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- Cederberg Shiraz 2008
- Constantia Uitsig Brut 2007
- Creation Merlot 2009
- Creation Syrah Grenache 2009
- David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc 2010 (Cederberg)
- David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2009 (Cederberg)
- De Grendel Rubaiyat 2007
- De Krans Cape Tawny Port NV
- De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve Port 2008
- De Morgenzon Chen Blanc 2007
- Diemersdal Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2010



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- Diemersdal Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- Dornier Wines Donatus Red 2007
- Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
- Flagstone Dark Horse Shiraz 2007
- Flagstone Treaty Tree Reserve 2010
- Glenelly Grand Vin de Glenelly 2007
- Glenelly Lady May 2008
- Graham Beck Pheasants' Run Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- Graham Beck Bowed Head Chenin Blanc 2009
- Graham Beck The Ridge Syrah 2006
- Groot Constantia Shiraz 2008
- Hamilton Russell Chardonnay 2010
- Hawksmoor at Matjieskuil Saint Alfege's 2008
- Hermanuspietersfontein Nr. 5 Sauvignon Blanc 2009
- Jordan Chardonnay 2009
- Jordan Chenin Blanc 2009
- Ken Forrester Reserve Chenin Blanc 2010
- Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
- Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2006
- L'Avenir Grand Vin Chenin Blanc 2008
- La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Viognier 2008
- Le Riche Cabernet Reserve 2007
- Longridge Chardonnay 2008
- Miles Mossop Wines Saskia 2009
- Mulderbosch Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2007
- Mvemve Raats de Compostella 2007
- Nick & Forti's Shiraz 2006 (Saronsberg)
- Nick & Forti's Viognier 2008 (Saronsberg)
- Neethlingshof Estate The Owl Post 2009
- Oldenburg Vineyards Cabernet Franc 2008
- Oldenburg Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
- Oldenburg Vineyards Syrah 2008
- Overgaauw Cape Vintage Port 1998
- Paul Cluver Chardonnay 2009
- Paul Cluver Noble Late Harvest Riesling 2010
- Paul Cluver Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- Quoin Rock Nicobar 2009
- Quoin Rock Oculus 2007
- Raka Biography Shiraz 2008
- Rickety Bridge The Bridge 2008 (Cabernet Sauvignon)
- Rijk's Private Cellar Chenin Blanc Reserve 2007
- Rijk's Private Cellar Pinotage Reserve 2007
- Rijk's Private Cellar Touch of Oak Chenin Blanc 2009
- Rustenberg John X Merriman 2008
- Rustenberg Peter Barlow 2007
- Saronsberg Full Circle 2008
- Saronsberg Provenance Rooi 2009
- Saronsberg Shiraz 2008
- Saxenburg Private Collection Shiraz 2006



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- Simonsig Chenin Avec Chêne 2009
- Simonsig Cuvée Royale 2005 Brut
- Simonsig Frans Malan 2005
- Simonsig Pinotage Redhill 2007
- Slaley Merlot 2006
- Spier Private Collection Chenin Blanc 2009
- Stark-Condè Wines Three Pines Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
- Steenberg HMS Rattlesnake Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- Steenberg Vineyards Semillon 2010
- Stellenrust 46 Chenin Blanc 2010
- Sumaridge Wines Maritimus 2009
- Teddy Hall Wines Blanc de Blancs 2005 Brut
- Teddy Hall Wines Chenin Blanc Reserve 2009
- The Bernard Series Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2009 (DGB)
- The Bernard Series Whole Bunch Grenache/Viognier 2010 (DGB)
- Tokara Director's Reserve Red 2007
- Tokara Director's Reserve White 2009
- Tormentoso Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2010 (MAN Vintners)
- Tormentoso Syrah & Mourvedre 2009 (MAN Vintners)
- Uva Mira Red Blend 2006
- Vondeling Babiana 2008
- Vuurberg Wines White 2010
- Webersburg Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
- Zorgvliet Five-Thirty-Five 2010 (Sauvignon Blanc)
- Zorgvliet Sauvignon Blanc 2010

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Another Top 100

Submitted by Angela Lloyd

It's a topical subject, but selecting a top 100 South Africa wines is no easy task, as eight colleagues who joined me in compiling their crème de la crème of the local industry discovered.

Previous Grape polls – I think – have never ventured beyond a maximum of twenty wines or producers; one hundred wines is a different matter. Decisions taxing those involved include should one go on track record, or list wines that aren't to your personal taste, but should be included on the basis of quality? What if a current release isn't up to par? Then should those small producers with tiny production, who few know about but who make really top class wines be considered?

To make selections easier, nominations were unconditional; there was no burden of listing vintages, selecting just one wine from any producer or ranking the wines; the last welcome latitude left the Top 100



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as the Top 108, the placing that rounded off the same wines being nominated by three judges. Although the wines are listed 1 to 108, please note they are arranged strictly in alphabetical order.

Statistics can mean what you want them to mean but an exercise such as this is as much about statistics as a story, or more likely the statistics *are* the story!

One of the more interesting stats was that, as much as our white wines are regularly praised above our reds, the latter received more votes in the top line up: 53 versus 43. Maybe it's a case of wishful thinking. Three Méthode Cap Classiques, five dessert wines and four fortifieds gives less reason for discussion, as do the names behind them.

The nine judges had somewhere between seven and eight hundred wine producers to choose from. Seventy three of those were nominated for the top selection with a further 66 completing the lists. Making yourself heard in such a crowded market is obviously not easy and, again, one has to wonder how some of the lesser known properties or brands manage to keep their heads above water. Even close to 20 years after South Africa has entered the international market, marketing would seem to remain a big challenge.

While the majority of the list won't surprise, there are two wines, both from Constantia, that possibly will. Steenberg Magna Carta and Constantia Glen 5 (currently listed as just Constantia Glen in Platter), are relatively new wines; Steenberg has just released the second vintage of its flagship, Magna Carta, the Platter five star 2009; Constantia Glen has yet to release the second, 2008, vintage of what will be labelled Constantia Glen 5, after the five Bordeaux varieties grown on the property. So to the wider wine loving public, these are not yet that well known, though on current form, they are destined to be widely recognised.

But it's not always the flagships that have made the selection: Kleine Zalze Bush Vines Chenin Blanc hails from the value-for-money, Cellar Selection range; its credentials are well-established, regularly being awarded alongside much more ambitious wines.

The list, like anything else to do with wine, features today's winners; do the same exercise in a year or even six months, with a different or even the same panel, and the results could be different. Some names – Boekenhoutskloof, Cape Point Vineyards, Kanonkop, Sadie, Thelema and Vergelegen – never miss a list, whatever its objective (for Vin de Constance, neither does Klein Constantia), so they can rightly be named the Cape's First Growth properties. Other names, perhaps surprisingly missing this time, either from the top echelon or even from a single mention, could well feature on the next occasion: a reflection of the wonderful, fluid nature of wine and the Cape's viticulturists and winemakers' efforts to produce quality above all.

Below the top 108 are listed the ten wines which were voted for by all nine judges. Given the choice available, this is a worthy achievement.

- Ashbourne Sandstone
- Ashbourne Ashbourne



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- Ataraxia Chardonnay
- Badenhorst Family Wines White Blend
- Beaumont Hope Marguerite Chenin Blanc
- Bein Merlot
- Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage
- Boekenhoutskloof Cabernet Sauvignon
- Boekenhoutskloof Semillon
- Boekenhoutskloof Syrah
- Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve
- Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir
- Bouchard Finlayson Missionvale Chardonnay
- Buitenverwachting Christine
- Chamonix Chardonnay Reserve
- Chamonix Greywacke Pinotage
- Chamonix Pinot Noir Reserve
- Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh
- Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc Reserve
- Constantia Glen 5
- Constantia Uitsig Semillon
- Crystallum Cuvée Cinema Pinot Noir
- De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve
- De Toren Fusion V
- De Trafford Chenin Blanc
- De Trafford Elevation 393
- De Trafford Shiraz
- Diemersdal Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc
- Eagles' Nest Syrah
- Eagles' Nest Viognier
- Ernie Els Signature
- Fleur du Cap Noble Late Harvest
- Graham Beck Blanc de Blancs
- Graham Beck Cuvée Clive MCC
- Graham Beck Pheasant's Run Sauvignon Blanc
- Grangehurst Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
- Hamilton Russell Chardonnay
- Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir
- Hartenberg Gravel Hill Shiraz
- Hartenberg The Mackenzie
- Haskell Pillars Syrah
- Hermanuspietersfontein Die Bartho
- Iona Sauvignon Blanc
- Jean Daneel Signature Chenin Blanc
- Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay
- JP Bredell Cape Vintage Reserve
- Kanonkop Black Label Pinotage
- Kanonkop Cabernet Sauvignon
- Kanonkop Paul Sauer
- Kanonkop Pinotage
- Klein Constantia Perdeblokke Sauvignon Blanc



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- Klein Constantia Vin de Constance
- Kleine Zalze Bush Vine Chenin Blanc
- Lammershoek Roulette Blanc
- Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
- Luddite Shiraz
- Meerlust Rubicon
- Miles Mossop Saskia
- Morgenster Morgenster
- Mulderbosch Barrel Fermented Chardonnay
- Mullineux Family White Blend
- Mullineux Family Syrah
- Nederburg Edelkeur
- Nederburg Ingenuity White
- Nederburg Noble Late Harvest
- Neil Ellis Grenache
- Neil Ellis Groenekloof Sauvignon Blanc
- Newton Johnson Domaine Pinot Noir
- Nuy White Muscadel
- Oak Valley Sauvignon Blanc
- Paul Cluver Chardonnay
- Paul Cluver Noble Late Harvest
- Paul Cluver Seven Flags Pinot Noir
- Quoin Rock Syrah
- Quoin Rock The Nicobar
- Raats Cabernet Franc
- Reyneke Reserve Red
- Reyneke Reserve white
- Rupert & Rothschild Baron Edmund
- Rust en Vrede Estate Wine
- Rustenberg Five Soldiers Chardonnay
- Rustenberg John X Merriman
- Rustenberg Peter Barlow
- Sadie Family Columella
- Sadie Family Palladius
- Scali Blanc
- Sequillo White
- Shannon Mount Bullet
- Simonsig Redhill Pinotage
- Spice Route Malabar
- Springfield Méthode Ancienne Chardonnay
- Stark Condé Three Pines Cab Sauvignon
- Steenberg Magna Carta
- Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc Reserve
- Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon
- Thelema Merlot Reserve
- Tokara Director's Reserve White
- Tokara Director's Reserve Red
- Uva Mira Chardonnay
- Vergelegen Red



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- Vergelegen White
- Vergelegen Sauvignon Blanc Reserve
- Vilafonté Series C
- Villiera Monro Brut
- Warwick Trilogy
- Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon
- Waterford The Jem
- Waterkloof Sauvignon Blanc

Wines that received the vote of all nine judges

- Beaumont Hope Marguerite Chenin Blanc
- Boekenhoutskloof Cabernet Sauvignon
- Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh
- Hamilton Russell Vineyards Chardonnay.
- Kanonkop Paul Sauer
- Klein Constantia
- Vin de Constance
- Sadie Columella
- Steenberg Magna Carta
- Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon
- Vergelegen White

Offizielle Infos der Organisatoren zu den Top 100 SA Wines - full results

by: Cathy Marston

The most talked about competition of the year - results in full!

Possibly the most eagerly-awaited set of results in the SA wine world were launched this evening at a reception at Rodwell House in St James, Cape Town. [The Top 100 SA Wines](#) has generated masses of column inches both in print and online, with discussions surrounding the name, the judges, the proposed industry executive, the aims of the competition and a myriad other [discussion points](#). Confusion, negativity, outrage, lawsuits – this competition has had them all.

Well, the wait is over and the results are out. Here are a few facts which may be of interest:

- 411 wines were entered, 15 were declined (reasons unspecified), 6 were withdrawn, mainly for operational reasons (again unspecified) – total number judged was 390.



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- 222 of the wines submitted were red, 143 were white, 25 were of other styles (port, MCC, dessert.
- Of the 25 'other styles' entered, 11 ended up in the Top 100, making this a 44% success rate (hot tip for producers thinking of entering next year perhaps!)
- 24 of the Top 100 retail for less than R100.
- 14 of the Top 100 (the biggest category) are Chenin Blanc – a shot in the arm for those who believe it is our best vinous asset.
- There are no Pinot Noirs in the Top 100.
- Top performers with five entries each are **Cederberg** and **Saronsberg** followed by **Simonsig** with four entries.
- Particularly interesting entrants (ie newer wineries, wineries not often featured in competitions etc) into the fine wine arena include **Oldenburg** (3 entries), **Bosman Family Vineyards** (2 entries), **MAN Vintners Tormentoso** (2 entries), **Zorgvliet** (2 entries), **Aaldering**, **Allee Bleue**, **Hawksmoor at Matjieskuil**, **Sumaridge**, **Vondeling**, **Vuurberg** (1 entry apiece).
- All the winemakers who took part as judges or who are part of the industry executive have got wines listed in the Top 100. The introductory section assures us that 'commercial interests are distinct and separate from the judging process and from the judges themselves' and I spoke to Tim Atkin and several other judges, all of whom were adamant that they have no idea what wines they tasted, and that no winemaker judged their own wine.
- 23 bottles rejected because of cork taint, 7 were oxidised and a further 10 others suffered from other faults.
- 3,600 water biscuits were consumed over the four days of judging!

Each wine is listed with a short comment from the judges which is nice, but nicer still would have been to know which judge made that comment. There is a lot of information given on each wine including details of vinification etc which are often omitted from other guides due to lack of space. The rest of the book is devoted to industry information, maps, a winetasting glossary and tips on buying and storing wine.

So there you go – a few thoughts to chew on. I suppose you could say there are notable omissions from what perhaps would generally be termed 'South Africa's best' - whether because they didn't enter or because they didn't get through, we shall never know. Equally so, there are wines included which will cause surprise/curiosity and frankly, some disbelief.

But isn't this what happens with all competition results – when the people we expect to win, do win - we say 'same-old, same-old, yawn' and when newcomers triumph and usual suspects are ignored, we react with outrage and cast aspersions on the knowledge and capabilities of the judges involved. You're damned if you do, and damned if you don't, and I don't see why this competition will be any different from any others.

So back to the name – is this a list that we can feel proud of, one which truly represents the very best of South African wine? I would say yes, that these are all excellent examples of their particular style and I am sure that anyone drinking any of them would agree. Are there others as good or better? For sure – but they're not on this list, these ones are.

Well done to the people who've paid their money, chosen to enter this competition and won – I hope you feel the returns are worth it. For those who didn't (and the book acknowledges that the most popular reason given for not entering was 'wanting to see how the first year goes before committing' – now you know), I daresay that if you feel you fit in that list, you'll be filling in your forms for next year. And at the end of the day, that's the only measure of success anyone is going to pay attention to at all.



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The Top 100 SA Wines - the full list

Red wine cultivars:

Cabernet Sauvignon

Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
Le Riche Wines Cabernet Reserve 2007
Oldenburg Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
Rickety Bridge Winery The Bridge 2008
Rustenberg Peter Barlow 2007
Stark-Condè Wines Three Pines Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
Webersburg Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

Merlot

Creation Wines Merlot 2009
Slaley Cellars Merlot 2006

Pinotage

Bosman Family Vineyards Pinotage 2009
Neethlingshof Estate The Owl Post 2009
Rijk's Private Cellar Pinotage Reserve 2007
Simonsig Estate Pinotage Redhill 2007

Shiraz

Boschendal Cecil John Reserve Shiraz 2008
Cederberg Shiraz 2008
Flagstone Dark Horse 2007
Graham Beck Wines The Ridge Syrah 2006
Groot Constantia Shiraz 2008
Oldenburg Vineyards Syrah 2008
Raka Biography Shiraz 2008
Saronsberg Cellar Nick & Forti's Shiraz 2006
Saronsberg Cellar Shiraz 2008
Saxenburg Private Collection Shiraz 2006

Other red cultivars

Oldenburg Vineyards Cabernet Franc 2008

Red wine blends

Bordeaux red blend

Aaldering Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2007
De Grendel Wines Rubaiyat 2007
Dornier Wines Donatus Red 2007
Glenelly Cellars Lady May 2008
Mvemve Raats de Compostella 2007
Rustenberg John X Merriman 2008
Saronsberg Cellar Provenance Rooi 2009
Tokara Director's Reserve Red 2007
Uva Mira Red Blend 2006



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Cape blend

Simonsig Estate Frans Malan 2005

Rhone style blend

Badenhorst Family Red 2007

Creation Wines Syrah Grenache 2009

Hawksmoor at Matjieskuil Saint Alfege's 2008

Saronsberg Cellar Full Circle 2008

Tormentoso Syrah & Mourvedre 2009 (MAN Vintners)

Shiraz-Viognier blend (not sure why this isn't included above!)

La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Viognier 2008

Other red blend

Anwilka 2008

Glenelly Cellars Grand Vin de Glenelly 2007

White wine cultivars

Chardonnay

Boschendal Reserve Collection Chardonnay 2009

Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Limited Chardonnay 2009

Hamilton Russell Chardonnay 2010

Jordan Wine Estate Chardonnay 2009

Longridge Wines Chardonnay 2008

Mulderbosch Chardonnay Barrel Fermented 2007

Paul Cluver Wines Chardonnay 2009

Chenin Blanc

Bosman Family Vineyards Optenhorst Chen Blanc 2009

De Morgenzon Chen Blanc 2007

Graham Beck Wines Bowed Head Chenin Blanc 2009

Jordan Wine Estate Chenin Blanc 2009

Ken Forrester Wines Reserve Chenin Blanc 2010

L'Avenir Grand Vin Chenin Blanc 2008

Rijk's Private Cellar Chenin Blanc Reserve 2007

Rijk's Private Cellar Touch of Oak Chenin Blanc 2009

Simonsig Estate Chenin Avec Chêne 2009

Spier Private Collection Chenin Blanc 2009

Stellenrust 46 Chenin Blanc 2010

Teddy Hall Wines Chenin Blanc Reserve 2009

The Bernard Series Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2009 (DGB)

Tormentoso Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2010 (MAN Vintners)

Sauvignon Blanc

Cederberg Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Cederberg Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Diemersdal Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2010



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Diemersdal Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Graham Beck Pheasants' Run Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Hermanuspietersfontein Nr. 5 Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Paul Cluver Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Quoin Rock Winery Nicobar 2009
Steenberg HMS Rattlesnake Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Zorgvliet Wines Five-Thirty-Five 2010
Zorgvliet Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Other white cultivars

Cederberg Ghost Corner Semillon 2009
Saronsberg Cellar Nick & Forti's Viognier 2008
Steenberg Vineyards Semillon 2010

White wine blends

White Bordeaux blend

Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh 2009
Cape Point Vineyards Isliedh 2010
Flagstone Treaty Tree Reserve 2010
Tokara Director's Reserve White 2009

Other white blends

Allèe Bleue Isabeau 2010
Miles Mossop Wines Saskia 2009
Quoin Rock Winery Oculus 2007
Sumaridge Wines Maritimus 2009
The Bernard Series Whole Bunch Grenache/Viognier 2010 (DGB)
Vondeling Babiana 2008
Vuurberg Wines White 2010

Others

Dessert wines

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2006
Paul Cluver Wines Noble Late Harvest Riesling 2010

Méthode Cap Classique

Bon Courage Jacques Bruère C.C. BdB 2007 Brut
Cederberg Blanc de Blancs Brut 2006
Constantia Uitsig MCC 2007 Brut
Simonsig Estate Cuvée Royale 2005 Brut
Teddy Hall Wines Blanc de Blancs 2005 Brut

Port

Bergsig Estate Cape LBV 2000
De Krans Cape Tawny Port NV
De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve Port 2008
Overgaauw Cape Vintage Port 1998



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For more info on the book and the public tastings, go to www.top100sawines.co.za

Top 100 SA Wines showcases South Africa's finest wines as judged by a panel of renowned international and South African judges.

The inaugural fine wine Challenge has been held, judged by some of the finest international and SA palates. Five of the nine judges were MW qualified – Masters of Wine of whom there are less than 300 in the world.

The results were released last night in full party mode as the much anticipated and eagerly awaited celebration and book launch took place at 5 star boutique hotel, Rodwell House in St. James, Cape Town. A jazz band, canapés and the top 100 SA fine wines kept the party going long after the awards ceremony was complete.

Tim Atkin MW, Chair of the 2011 Judging panel said: *“Top 100 SA Wines is one of the most exciting projects I have ever been involved with, setting new standards of professionalism and integrity for the Cape Wine industry.”*

The 2011 Consumer Guide is now available to purchase direct from www.top100sawines.com. The Consumer Guide provides consistent, useful, accurate information on each winning wine and producer. Each winning wine is profiled on a two page spread with producer and wine details and also incisive comments from the judges along with winemaker notes, full colour maps and other useful industry information.

John Loubser of Steenberg Vineyards commented with delight: *‘This is a defining moment in South Africa's fine wine calendar – the results speak for themselves. We are thrilled to have had two of our wines bestowed with this prestigious mantle, and to join ranks with the other winning vineyards.’*

Top 100 SA Wines will offer a Cape Town Consumer Festival on Thursday 12th May at the Cape Grace Hotel. This offers an opportunity to taste the winning wines and enjoy delicious canapés. For more information and to buy ‘early bird special’ tickets for only R149, please visit www.top100sawines.com.



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