1. Graham Beck Brut Pinot Noir-Chardonnay 12%

An iconic

sparkling wine that has carved out a niche in the history books - affectionately dubbed the "President's Choice", the Brut NV was served at both Nelson Mandela's inauguration and to celebrate Barack Obama's presidential nomination. With its light yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit on the nose and rich creamy complexity on the palate, the Brut NV is intended to cleanse the palate, and stimulate the taste buds.

Produced by the Méthode

Cap Classique in their cellar in Robertson.
Noir 49% Non Vintage

VARIETY: Chardonnay 51%, Pinot

Waitrose £10 special Easter offer MCC Since 1992 Tastings

Chenin Blanc is the most widely planted grape variety in South Africa. The wine is inexpensive and served ice cold, often as a fizzy with ice and soda water.

2. Zalze Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 13%

Easy-drinking, fresh and crisp, this is a wine marked by delicious ripe tropical fruit flavours and attractive aromas of lime zest and guava. Try with spicy seafood dishes such as chilli prawns or with fish curry and seafood risotto.

GRAPE Chenin Blanc

Waitrose £6.49 Tastings & restaurant

3. Rustenberg Sauvignon Blanc 2020/21 13.50%

Murray Barlow's wines are some of Stellenbosch's finest. He is the only winemaker to win Young Winemaker of the Year twice at South Africa's biggest wine awards event, Diners Club. He's excelled yet again with this Sauvignon Blanc. It is fresh and crisp with notes of melon, gooseberry, pineapple and passionfruit. Try it with Thai food.

GRAPE

Sauvingon Blanc

Majestic Wines £8.99 Family farm, wine tastings

4. Boschendal Chardonnay 13.50%

Wonderful paired with chicken in a creamy, white wine sauce Refreshing, smooth, lightly oaked Chardonnay with subtle notes of lemon and peach blossom.

GRAPE Chardonnay

Waitrose £10.99 Tastings, wonderful restaurant, guest rooms

5. Men in White Coats Viognier 2020/21 13.5%

The Gabb family were instrumental in putting South Africa on the wine map. This is an elegant, fragrant Viognier, with notes of apricot and white peach. Try this with Thai green curry.

GRAPE Viognier

Majestic Wines £6.99 Journeys End Wines, Sir Lowery's Pass

Pinotage wine is unique to South Africa. Pinotage grapes were first created in 1925 by a South African scientist named Abraham Izak Perold, Stellenbosch University's first viticulture professor. Perold created a hybrid of the pinot noir grape and the cinsault grape, at the time known as Hermitage, hence the name Pinot-tage.

6. Kanonkop 'Kadette' Pinotage 2018/19, Stellenbosch 14.50%

Kanonkop was named Outstanding Producer of the Past 50 Years at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in 2019. The family-owned estate is considered to many as the equivalent of a South African First Growth. And when you taste what they've done with the country's star grape, Pinotage, you'll know why. Made in a soft, fruit-forward style, it spends 12 months in French oak barrels to give a silky-smooth texture. This is a complex Pinotage wine, with notes of raspberry, strawberry, red cherry and chocolate. Try it with a hearty beef burger.

Majestic Wines £12.99 Tastings, art gallery

7. Winemaker Series The Red, 2018/19 Swartland 14.5%

Winemaker Series celebrates some of our favourite people behind the bottles. Marc Kent, the man behind The Chocolate Block, has created this from the same vineyards with a wide variety of traditional Bordeaux grape varieties. It's rich and full-bodied, with flavours of red fruits, sweet spices and pepper.

GRAPE Syrah

SECONDARY GRAPE Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon,

VARIETIES Cinsault

Majestic Wines £8.49 Tastings, Franschhoek

8. Rustenberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Stellenbosch 14.00%

Murray Barlow is one of South Africa's most exciting young winemakers and has won Diners Club's Young Winemaker of the Year title an unrivalled twice. He's shown why once again in this well-structured Cabernet. Expect dark berries, tobacco and a lengthy finish.

GRAPE Cabernet Sauvingon

Majestic Wines £10.99 Family farm, wine tastings

9. Boekenhoutskloof 'The Chocolate Block' 2019/20 14.50%

The Chocolate Block is a cult favourite – it usually sells out before it even hits the shop floor. It's made by Boekenhoutskloof, named South Africa's Winery of the Year 2020. Their winemaker, Marc Kent, is secretive about exactly how this wine is made. He tweaks the blend with every vintage, so no two Chocolate Blocks are quite the same. But it's always a blend of rich and ripe varieties: Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault, Cabernet Sauvignon – with a touch of Viognier for added perfume. It's seriously plush and full of plum, blackberry, blueberry and cherry flavours.

GRAPE Syrah

SECONDARY GRAPE Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Grenache

VARIETIES

Waitrose/Majestic £19.99 Tastings, Franschhoek

10. Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage "Port" (All is Lost) 21%

Beautifully integrated nuances on the nose of honey suckle and mince pies with subtle hints of black cherry and sweet spice. A voluptuous praline and candied orange peel on the palate with wonderful balance between acidity and alcohol, finished off with lingering spicy fruit and a hint of dark chocolate ganache GRAPE

VARIETIES: Tinta Barocca, Touriga Nacional, Souzao, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarella, Touriga Francisca.

Perold Wine

Cellar £20.28

Tastings, restaurant, guest rooms