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TOP 10 TASTING NOTES



Vergelegen Reserve Semillon 2019

R325

Total production: 4 046 bottles Abv: 13.56%

Fermented and matured for eight months in French oak, less than 20% new. The nose is wonderfully complex with top notes of thatch and dried herbs before blackcurrant, citrus and white peach plus a little leesy character and oak spice. The palate is very well balanced - rich and round but not lacking in freshness, the finish long and savoury. Layers and layers of flavour.



Le Belle Rebelle A Bird in the Hand Semillon 2020

R240

Total production: 1 095 bottles Abv: 13.19%

10% fermented spontaneously before maturation in older oak, 75% French and 25% Hungarian. Cut apple, peach, thatch plus vanilla and some waxy complexity on the nose while the palate is full and flavourful with a good line of acidity, the finish long and dry.



Old Road Wine Co. Grand-Mère Semillon 2018

R304

Total production: 1 500 bottles Abv: 13.5%

Grapes from a Franschhoek vineyard planted in 1936. 50% of the juice fermented spontaneously and 50% inoculated. Matured for 12 months, 80% in mainly older oak and 20% in clay pots. Citrus, peach, hay and a slight waxy note on the nose while the palate is rich and broad with layers of flavour and a grippy texture, the finish long and savoury.





Bosman
Fides Grenache Blanc 2019

R250

Total production: 9 800 bottles Abv: 13.11%

Fermented on the skins for three weeks before maturation lasting eight months in Russian oak, 25% new. Amber in colour. Marmalade, stone fruit, some waxiness and spice on the nose while the palate possesses plenty of intrigue – dense fruit and good freshness before a nicely dry finish.



Cavalli
The Foal Verdelho 2019

R230

Total production: 700 bottles Abv: 13.81%

Matured for 18 months in older oak. Cut apple, peach, some nutty character and spice on the nose. Rich and broad on the palate with tangy acidity and a wonderfully salty finish.



Painted Wolf
Roussanne 2019

R170

Total production: 3 300 bottles Abv: 13.61%

Matured for nine months in French oak, 40% new. Beguiling aromatics of citrus, peach, flowers and spice while the palate shows pure fruit, zippy acidity and a long, pithy finish. Intricate and tightly wound.





Wildeberg White 2020

R360

Total production: 2 700 bottles Abv: 13.82%

100% Semillon. Fermented and matured in new and older oak. Citrus, white peach, black currant and some waxy character on the nose while the palate has excellent depth of fruit and a smooth texture, the acidity nicely integrated. The finish, in turn, is long and gently savoury.



Altydgedacht Gewürztraminer 2020

R130

Total production: 5 686 bottles Abv: 13.23%

Fermented in tank and matured on the lees for six months. Lime, lychee, Turkish Delight and spice on the nose while the palate shows good focus – pure fruit, fresh acidity and a long, dry finish.



Mischa Roussanne 2021

R187

Total production: 1 350 bottles Abv: 13.13%

Unwooded. Heady and exotic aromatics with notes of jasmine, pear, peach and spice while the palate is clean and fresh – a dense core of fruit precedes a pithy finish.





Stellenbosch Vineyards Limited Release Verdelho 2020

R275

Total production: 2 850 bottles Abv: 14.29%

Fermented and matured for 10 months in French oak, 60% new. Pretty aromatics including pear, peach and apple plus dried herbs while the palate is clean and balanced – pure fruit, bright acidity and a saline finish.



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BUYING GUIDE: CELLAR-DOOR PRICES FOR WINES RATED 90+

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
Vergelegen Reserve Semillon 2019	93	R325
Le Belle Rebelle A Bird in the Hand Semillon 2020	92	R240
Old Road Wine Co. Grand-Mère Semillon 2018	92	R304
Painted Wolf Roussanne 2019	91	R170
Cavalli The Foal Verdelho 2019	91	R230
Bosman Fides Grenache Blanc 2019	91	R250
Wildeberg White 2020	91	R360
Altydgedacht Gewürztraminer 2020	90 (Top 10)	R130
Mischa Roussanne 2021	90 (Top 10)	R187
Stellenbosch Vineyards Limited Release Verdelho 2020	90 (Top 10)	R275
Boplaas Cape Portuguese White Blend 2021 (Verdelho)	90	R67
Groote Post Riesling 2020	90	R112
Vrede en Lust Viognier 2020	90	R140
Arbeidsgenot Grenache Blanc 2020 (Meerhof)	90	R150
Usana Luck of the Gambler Skin Contact Pinot Gris 2020	90	R165
Rickety Bridge Paulina's Reserve Semillon 2018	90	R185
La Petite Ferme Viognier 2020	90	R190
Painted Wolf Solo Roussanne 2020	90	R190
Lowerland Witgat Viognier 2020	90	R325

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COMPLETE SCORES A - Z

NAME	WINE OF ORIGIN	SCORE
GRENACHE BLANC		
Arbeidsgenot 2020 (Meerhof)	Swartland	90
Bosman Fides 2019	Wellington	91
Donkiesbaai 2020	Piekenierskloof	89
Olifantsberg 2019	Breedekloof	89
ROUSSANNE		
Mischa 2021	Groenberg	90
Painted Wolf 2019	Voor Paardeberg	91
Painted Wolf Solo 2020	Voor Paardeberg	90
RIESLING		
Groote Post 2016	Darling	89
Groote Post 2017	Darling	88
Groote Post 2020	Darling	90
Lothian of Elgin Vineyard Selection 2019	Elgin	84
Oak Valley Stone & Steel 2020	Elgin	88
Vrede en Lust Artisan Range 2020	Elgin	88
Vrede en Lust Early Mist 2020	Elgin	88
SEMILLON		
Domier 2019	Stellenbosch	89
Highlands Road 2019	Elgin	89
Le Belle Rebelle A Bird in the Hand 2020	Breedekloof	92
Old Road Wine Co. Grand-Mère 2018	Franschhoek	92
Rickety Bridge Paulina's Reserve 2018	Franschhoek	90
Rickety Bridge The Pilgrimage Old Vine 2018	Franschhoek	88
Thor Age of The Rebel 2019	Franschhoek	85
Vergelegen Reserve 2019	Stellenbosch	93
Wildeberg White 2020	Franschhoek	91
VERDELHO		
Arbeidsgenot 2020 (Meerhof)	Swartland	89
Boplaas Cape Portuguese White Blend 2021	Calitzdorp	90
Cavalli The Foal 2019	Stellenbosch	91
De Krans Tritonia 2020	Calitzdorp	89
Stellenbosch Vineyards Limited Release 2020	Stellenbosch	90
VIOGNIER		
Babylonstoren 2020	Simonsberg-Paarl	88
Bellingham The Bernard Series Hand-Picked 2019	Cape Coast	88
De Grendel 2021	Cape Town	88
La Petite Ferme 2020	Franschhoek	90
Lowerland Witgat 2020	Prieska	90
Mary le Bow 2019	Western Cape	88
Painted Wolf Teardrop 2020	Breedekloof	88
Ridgeback 2020	Paarl	89
Vrede en Lust 2020	Western Cape	90
OTHER		
Altydgedacht Gewürztraminer 2020	Cape Town	90
Bosman Wine Club Selection Pinot Gris 2020	Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	88

Diemersdal Grüner Veltliner 2020	Cape Town	89
Koelenhof Koelnektar Gewürztraminer 2021	Stellenbosch	85
Koueberg Altydvygie Nouvelle 2020	Cape Agulhas	89
Mariëtte Pinot Blanc 2019 (Le Belle Rebelle)	Breedekloof	88
Stellenbosch Vineyards Limited Release Therona 2020	Stellenbosch	88
Usana Luck of the Gambler Skin Contact Pinot Gris 2020	Stellenbosch	90
Usana The Queen's Horses Pinot Gris 2020	Stellenbosch	89
Usana The Runaway Pinot Gris 2020	Stellenbosch	87

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