

South Africa's Top 100 most highly rated wines – 2019 Classification

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2019 SA Wine & Cellar Classifications announced.

THE FOLLOWING are the most highly rated wines of the Cape over the past 10 years – those with the best track records involving numerous vintages in over 30 local and international forums for the assessment of wine quality and interest value between 2009 and 2018 (inclusive) as celebrated in the annual South African Wine & Cellar Classifications.

To be eligible for the Classification, updated annually since 2004, wines must have earned good to excellent reviews from one or more of the top panels of judges for at least three vintages during the 10-year period under review. The focus is on the country's leading outfits, those regularly on top form, their wines judged top-notch again and again, year after year. The critics include experts appointed for the Decanter World Wine Awards (UK), the International Wine Challenge (UK) and IWSC (UK), Platter's SA Wine Guide (5 Stars and Highly Recommended), the Six Nations Wine Challenge (AU), the Trophy Wine Show (SA), the Veritas Awards (SA) and the Michelangelo awards (SA) – to mention just some of the panels.

The full Classifications and more information about the selection criteria can be viewed at www.topwinesa.com and are also available on request via email to mike@topwinesa.com

Top 100 South African Wines – 2019 Classification

THE MOST HIGHLY RATED WINES OF THE CAPE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

CHARDONNAY

Chamonix Reserve

Fleur du Cap Unfiltered (Bergkelder)

Groot Constantia

Hamilton Russell

Jordan Barrel Fermented

Jordan Nine Yards

Oak Valley Groenlandberg

Paul Cluver Estate

Rustenberg Five Soldiers

Rustenberg Stellenbosch

Sumaridge

Tokara Reserve Collection Stellenbosch

Uva Mira Single Tree

CHENIN BLANC

Beaumont Hope Marguerite

Botanica

DeMorgenzon Reserve

Ken Forrester FMC

Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection

Spier 21 Gables

Stellenrust Barrel Fermented

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Cape Point Reserve

Cederberg

Diemersdal Eight Rows

Diemersdal MM Louw

Ghost Corner (Cederberg)

Graham Beck Pheasants' Run

Kleine Zalze Family Reserve Sur Lie

Tokara Reserve Collection Elgin

SEMILLON

Ghost Corner (Cederberg)

WHITE BLENDS

Cape Point Isliedh

Flagstone Treaty Tree Reserve Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

Nederburg Ingenuity

Nitida Coronata Integration

Sadie Palladius

Spier Creative Block 2

Strandveld Adamastor

Tokara Director's Reserve

Vergelegen G.V.B

CAP CLASSIQUE SPARKLING

Graham Beck Brut Blanc de Blancs

Villiera Monro Brut

CABERNET FRANC

Raats Family

Warwick

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cederberg Five Generations

Eikendal

Flagstone Music Room

Kanonkop

Kleine Zalze Family Reserve

Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection

Le Riche Reserve

Nederburg Two Centuries

Rustenberg Peter Barlow

Stark-Condé Three Pines

MERLOT

Shannon Mount Bullet

PETIT VERDOT

KWV Mentors

PINOT NOIR

Chamonix Reserve

Hamilton Russell

Newton Johnson Family Vineyards

Paul Cluver Seven Flags

PINOTAGE

Beyerskloof Diesel

Diemersdal Reserve

Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Reserve

Flagstone Writer's Block

Kanonkop

KWV Mentors

Rijk's Reserve

Simonsig Redhill

Spier 21 Gables

Wildeckrans Barrel Select Reserve

Windmeul Reserve

SHIRAZ / SYRAH

Cederberg

De Grendel

Eagles' Nest

Groot Constantia

Hartenberg Stork

Kleine Zalze Family Reserve

Rustenberg Buzzard Kloof Syrah

Saronsberg

Saronsberg Provenance

RED BLENDS

Delaire Graff Botmaskop

Diemersdal Private Collection

Ernie Els Signature

Kanonkop Paul Sauer

KWV Mentors Orchestra

La Motte Pierneef Syrah Viognier

Morgenster Estate Reserve

Rust en Vrede Estate

Saronsberg Full Circle

Spier Creative Block 3

Spier Creative Block 5

Tokara Director's Reserve

UNFORTIFIED DESSERT

Fleur du Cap Noble Late Harvest (Bergkelder)

Groot Constantia Grand Constance

Klein Constantia Vin de Constance

Mullineux Straw Wine

Nederburg Edelkeur Chenin Blanc Noble Late

Nederburg Eminence Noble Late Muscadel

Nederburg Winemasters Noble Late Harvest

Paul Cluver Riesling Noble Late Harvest

FORTIFIED DESSERT

Nuy White Muscadel

Orange River Cellars White Muscadel

CAPE PORT

Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve

De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve

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