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Cultivar list 2017

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white wines

METHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

Drunk at any time of the day, there's always an excuse for a celebration! Champagne is derived from France where the original "Bubbly" came from, known as Méthode Cap Classique in SA. Delicious shortcake flavours with hints of fruitiness on the nose & a dry finish. MCC may be made from three grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier. MCC produced traditionally, undergo a second fermentation, where sugar & yeast are added to the bottled wines, then resealed. Carbon dioxide is trapped inside the wine under pressure & is released as bubbles "mouse," when the MCC is served.

Brut – Sparkling Wine that is dry or dryish in taste.
Blanc de Blancs – "White of Whites"; White wine made from only white grapes.

Demi-Sec – Fully Sweet
NV – Refers to Non Vintage

Weltevrede Entheos NV
Louisvale Chardonnay Brut NV
Louisvale Rosé Brut (Chard/Pinot Noir) NV
Longridge Blanc de Blanc NV
Fairview Brut Vintage
Gabriëlskloof Mme Lucy's MCC
Longridge Brut Rosé NV
Weltevrede The Ring Vintage
Longridge Brut Vintage Reserve

VIIGNIER

The nose suggest a sweet wine, but the palate is surprised to encounter a dry nectar. Flavours resemble a mixture of ripe pears, citrus, almonds, spice, peaches & apricots, sometimes with a honeyed nuance. Lush & viscous on the palate. It is a dry wine & can be wooded.

Fairview
Diemersfontein Carpe Diem

SEMI-SWEET & OFF-DRY

Fairview La Capra Bouquet Fair
7ven Bouquet Blanc

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Translated to "wild white," Sauvignon Blanc is the most popular white cultivar in SA. Distinct regionally-based styles. From Darling there are dusty green pepper but a flinty minerality creeps in as you move south through Durbanville & Constantia to Agulhas where it becomes seashells & ozone. In Stellenbosch & Robertson, a rich tropical fruit is never far from the surface.

Fairview La Capra
Louisvale Stone Road
Zevenwacht 7ven
Longridge Konkelberg
Alexanderfontein
Diemersfontein
Kaazicht
Boschkloof
Fairview Darling
First Sighting
Zevenwacht
Gabriëlskloof SV
Ormonde - Chip off the old Block SV
Ataraxia
Ondine
Zevenwacht Z360
Strandveld "Pofaddersbos" SV
Arendsig SV
Ormonde SV
Longridge Jasper Raats - Driefontein

RIESLING

The 'Riesling' was an official SA synonym for the inferior **Crouchen Blanc**, also known as Paarl Riesling. Paarl Riesling is light to medium bodied wine. **Riesling** is a great aromatic white wine, semi-sweet to off-dry. The perfect food companion

Fairview Darling
Hartenberg
Hartenberg Occasional
Kaazicht Markus Schneider

CHENIN BLANC

Widely cultivated variety in the Cape. Characterized by its versatility. CB produces good natural wines covering the whole spectrum from sweet to dry, as well as sherry & sparkling wine. Fruity flavours. This is the "work horse" of SA white grapes. Often distilled into Brandy.

Fairview La Capra
Kaazicht
Alexanderfontein
Diemersfontein
A.A. Badenhorst Secateurs
Fairview Darling
Zevenwacht
Ormonde - Chip off the old Block SV
Ondine
Longridge
Diemersfontein Carpe Diem
Kaazicht Kliprug
Gabriëlskloof Elodie SV
Longridge Ou Steen SV
Kaazicht Steytler 1947

WHITE BLENDS

SA legislation requires that at least 85% be present of the stated variety. Blends may only name component parts if those components were vinified separately, prior to blending. Should one of the blend partners be less than 20% of total composition, all the blend partners % of total composition must be supplied.

Fairview Goats do Roam
Alexanderfontein Boutonniere
Kaazicht Kaleidoscope
ALCHEMY by Hartenberg
Longridge The Emily
Zevenwacht The Tin Mine
Strandveld Adamastor
Fairview Drie Papenfontein
Fairview Nurok
Gabriëlskloof Magdalena
Badenhorst AA Family

CHARDONNAY

Locally, experimentation has been taking place with barrel fermentation & oak ageing of Chardonnay. Bold, rich & complex with tastes of hazelnut, honey & butter, citrus fruit with limes & lemons. Queen of white grapes.

Fairview La Capra (Unwooded)
Alexanderfontein (Unwooded)
Weltevrede Vanilla (Lightly Wooded)
Louisvale (Unwooded)
Boschkloof
Hartenberg Occasional (Unwooded)
Louisvale Chavant (Lightly Wooded)
Zevenwacht
Weltevrede 1912
Ondine
Louisvale (Wooded)
Joubert-Tradauw
Hartenberg
Arendsig SV
Longridge
Weltevrede Place of Rocks SV
Ormonde
Ataraxia
Hartenberg The Eleanor
Longridge Clos Du Ciel

OTHER WHITE CULTIVARS

Fairview La Capra Pinot Grigio
Fairview Rousanne
Fairview Verdelho
Ondine Semillon

dessert wines

PORT + FORTIFIED WINES

Fortified dessert wine. The wine is aged in wood.
Vintage Port - bottles after 2 years in wood.

Fairview Sweet Red
Kaazicht Cape Vintage 750ml

MUSCADEL

Muscat grapes & wines almost always have a pronounced sweet floral aroma.

Weltevrede Ouma (White)
Weltevrede Oupa (Red)

NOBLE LATE HARVEST + STRAW WINE

A *sweet dessert wine*. Exhibiting a noble rot character, from grapes infected by botrytis cinerea fungus. This mould, in warm misty weather, attacks the skin of ripe grapes, causing some juice to evaporate. As the berries wither the sweetness & flavour become concentrated.

Hartenberg Riesling
Longridge Edelgoud (Verdelho)
Fairview La Beryl Blanc

SPIRITS + OTHER

Kaazicht Pot Stilled Brandy 15yrs
Kaazicht Grappa (Husk Brandy) 375ml
A.A. Badenhorst Caperitif - Kaapse Dief

single vineyard

'Single Vineyard' or 'SV', is a term used in the wine industry referencing that the wine in the bottle comes from a single vineyard site. Which means this particular vineyard, and the grapes grown there, have been isolated from all other vineyards due to its superiority.

Cultivars

red wines

ROSÉ

Rosé - Pink in colour. Mostly made from red grapes whose skins are left on the must during fermentation. The juice is then run off the skins & treated the same way as white wine. Rosé can be Dry to semi-sweet. Vary greatly in the level of residual sugar.

Raka
Zevenwacht 7even
Fairview Goats do Roam
Longridge Konkelberg
First Sighting (Shiraz)
Diemersfontein (Grenache)
Kaapzicht (Pinotage)
Gabriëlskloof Rosebud
Fairview Rose Quartz

SHIRAZ

A noble variety of French origin, also known as Syrah. Deep purple, smokey, spicy wines which develop a complex character with age. Exudes white pepper, spicy notes on the nose & palate. Big bold wines with good fruit tannins.

Louisvale Stone Road
Fairview La Capra
Alexanderfontein
Weltevrede Cigarbox Shiraz
First Sighting
Hartenberg Doorkeeper
Zevenwacht
Gabriëlskloof SV
Ormonde - Chip off the old Block SV
Fairview
Diemersfontein
Raka Biography
Arendsig SV
Joubert-Tradauw
Boschkloof
Strandveld
Hartenberg
Weltevrede Bedrock Black
Longridge Driefontein
Gabriëlskloof Swarttrivier SV
Ormonde
Fairview Beacon SV
FairviewENZAAMHEID SV
Fairview Jakkalsfontein SV
Boschkloof Epilogue SV
Fairview Cyril Back Vintage SV
Hartenberg The Stork SV
Hartenberg Gravel Hill SV

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Liveliness in the mouth & a degree of richness, yet usually finishes with firm astringency. Blackcurrant flavour with a hint of mint & cedar. King of the "Noble" grapes, famous for its use in a Bordeaux Blend. It develops well with age into spicy, full, complex wines.

Louisvale Stone Road
Fairview La Capra
Alexanderfontein
Weltevrede ChoCMint
Ormonde - Chip off the old Block SV
Weltevrede 1912
Zevenwacht
Fairview
Diemersfontein
Boschkloof
Kaapzicht
Arendsig SV
Joubert-Tradauw R62
Longridge
Hartenberg
Weltevrede Hardrock

MALBEC

Malbec grapes tend to have an inky dark colour and robust tannins. It is a thin-skinned grape and needs more sun & heat than either Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon to mature. Malbec is known as one of the 5 x cultivars to make a Bordeaux blend. It is increasingly celebrated as an Argentinian varietal wine and is being grown around the world.

Fairview La Capra
Ondine
Weltevrede 1912
Diemersfontein Carpe Diem

SANGIOVESE

Is a red Italian wine grape variety whose name derives from the Latin Sangius Jovis, "The blood of Jove". Young Sangiovese has fresh fruity flavours of strawberry and a little spiciness, but it readily takes on oaky, even tarry flavours when aged in barrels. Sangiovese was already well known by the 16th century.

Fairview La Capra
Raka

PINOTAGE

Locally bred cultivar, developed from a cross of Pinot Noir & Hermitage by viticulturist Professor Abraham Izak Perold in 1925. The first bottles appeared in 1961. It is a light to medium-bodied wine, unique to SA! In the early 1990s, as Apartheid ended & the world's wine market was opening up, SA winemakers ignored Pinotage in favor of more internationally recognized varieties like Shiraz. Towards the end of the 20th century, the grape's fortunes turned & by 1997 it commanded higher prices than any other SA grapes.

Fairview La Capra
Zevenwacht 7even
Raka
Fairview
Diemersfontein (Coffee Edition)
Kaapzicht
Weltevrede 1912
Longridge
Diemersfontein Carpe Diem
Fairview Primo SV
Kaapzicht Steytler

CABERNET FRANC

A bright pale red wine, contributing finesse & peppery perfume to blends with more robust grapes. Aromas can include tobacco, raspberry & cassis, even violets.

Ondine
Raka

GRENACHE

Wines made from Grenache tend to lack acid, tannin and color, and it is often blended with other varieties such as Syrah, Carignan, Tempranillo and Cinsaut. Grenache is the dominant variety in most Southern Rhône wines, especially in Châteauneuf-du-Pape where it is typically over 80% of the blend.

Ondine
Fairview Piekenierskloof Grenache
Arendsig Inspirational Batch
Fairview Stok by Paaltjie SV

MERLOT

Grapes are identified by their loose bunches of large berries. The colour has less of a blue/black hue than Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, a thinner skin & fewer tannins. In food & wine pairings, the diversity of Merlot can lend itself to a wide array of matching options. Slightly herbaceous overall in both aroma & taste.

Louisvale Stone Road
Fairview La Capra
Alexanderfontein
Weltevrede Cherychoc
Zevenwacht
Ormonde - Chip off the old Block SV
Fairview
Boschkloof
Diemersfontein
Ondine
Raka Barrel Select
Longridge
Hartenberg

PINOT NOIR

Called the heartbreak grape because it is difficult to cultivate. In SA it's the second most popular restaurant red thanks to a perception of elegance. It may be the toughest grape to grow, but the effort is worth the constant care & investment. Fruit forward red wine.

First Sighting
Ondine
Kaapzicht
Arendsig Inspirational Batch
Strandveld SV
Joubert-Tradauw Redfin
Ormonde
Longridge Jasper Raats - Cuvee Rika
Ataraxia

OTHER RED CULTIVARS

Fairview Barbera
Fairview Mourvèdre
Fairview Old Paarl Bush Vine Cinsault SV
Fairview Tannat
Kaapzicht Skuinsberg Cinsault
Fairview Petit Sirah (Durif)
Fairview Pegleg Carignan SV
Longridge Die Plék Cinsault

red blends

RED BLENDS

Zevenwacht 7even Road
Alexanderfontein Boutonnierre
Fairview Goats do Roam
Longridge Konkelberg Rouge
Raka Spliced
ALCHEMY by Hartenberg
Boschkloof Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot
Fairview Goats do Roam The Goatfather
Joubert-Tradauw R62 Alternative
Kaapzicht Bin 3
Hartenberg Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz
Fairview Extrano (Spanish Blend) Roja
Fairview Homtini
Ataraxia Serenity
Ormonde Vernon Basson

RHONE BLENDS

Primarily Rhone Blends consist of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Carignan, Cinsault & Viognier. A wonderful combination of rustic & ripe, showing their flavours & character upon release. Blends from all regions are good with juicy, gamey meats & common French spices, like rosemary or herbs de Provence.

ALCHEMY by Hartenberg
Zevenwacht The Tin Mine
A.A. Badenhorst Secateurs
Fairview Goats do Roam Goat Roti SV
Diemersfontein Summer's Lease (SMV)
Strandveld The Navigator (SMGV)
Fairview Caldera (GSM)
Zevenwacht Z (SG)
AA Badenhorst Family
Ormonde Theodore Eksteen

BORDEAUX BASED BLENDS

Most blends follow a Bordeaux recipe, featuring some (or all) of the Bordeaux Big Five: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot. Blending allows the winemaker to show his skills.

ALCHEMY by Hartenberg
Louisvale Dominique
Gabriëlskloof The Blend
Raka Quinary
Gabriëlskloof Five Arches
Zevenwacht Z Reserve
Boschkloof Conclusion
Kaapzicht Steytler Pentagon
Longridge Eklipika
Hartenberg Mackenzie

CAPE BLEND

A SA red wine made of a blend of varieties, must contain at least 30% Pinotage in the blend.

Raka Figurehead