

THE 34 SOUTH WINE PANEL

23 years ago – a year after 34 South opened on the Knysna Waterfront as a partnership between Charles van Tonder and Leslie Pieters, Charles asked PeeBee (Peter Bishop, a Mathematics teacher and Sports coach) to procure some old wines to sell and to advise on selections. Some great collections were sold and people came back each year looking for their birthday year wine or “What’s new?”

We started a popular PeeBee’s Top Ten that made searching easier, and the big selling point was the story as narrated or as hand-written on cards. In that way, each customer was a winner – he had something he could brag about – and why not.

PeeBee’s interest in wine started in 1975 by BeeJay Lankwarden – a man of great kindness and aplomb. He has written on wine for Wynboer and for the CXPress and, now resident in Cape Town still attends top tastings to keep informed.

PeeBee, Charles and Keith (Davis) – the Manager of 34 South – taste wines periodically in order to create a “A Rare and Fine Wine” Selection more specifically aimed at the tourist who wishes to be exposed to a higher level of wine than on ordinary lists.

PeeBee looks at the structure, the memory, the length of the wine. Charles makes no apology for his role: “I taste it, I like it. It is much more than “eminently drinkable!” now, at the table, or at home. Keith, who deals directly with the Fine Wine lover focuses on the finish in so far as the wine matches the dishes at 34 South.



RARE & FINE WINES - OUR FAVOURITES

These fine wines are the BEST that we’ve tasted, that are currently available. Sublime, elegant, structured and above all, wines with ATTITUDE. Conventional wine tastings use the 100 point system which is “VERY COMPLICATED”. At our LATITUDE, Keith, PeeBee and I focussed on TASTE only - after all, that’s the bottom line. These winners below all scored 8 to 9 out of 10 - truly great examples of the winemaker’s art. We LOVED them and hope YOU will too.



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	Bottle	Glass
WHITE WINES AND ROSÉ		
Harry Hartman "Church" Chenin Blanc 2020 100% whole bunch pressed grapes, matured 11 months in 100% French oak barrels. Tropical aromas like kiwi and guava, a tangy acidity and pronounced intensity.	445	105
Whispering Angel "Cotes de Provence" Rosé 2020 Made from Grenache, Cinsault and Vermentino, its pale colour and rewarding taste profile is full and lush while being bone dry with a smooth finish. Premium Rosé that you can drink from midday to midnight.	525	125
RED WINES		
Springfield Work of Time 2015 A Bordeaux blend of great beauty. Cabernet Franc is the dominant varietal with Cab Sauvignon, Merlot and a touch of Petit Verdot. Visit Springfield - a unique era a different way of thinking.	285	68
Newton Johnson Full Stop Rock 2019 This vintage confirms how irresistible cool-climate Syrah-dominated blends can be in showing that gorgeous mix with Grenache and Mouvedre. Punchy in its attitude, while sophisticated in flair.	295	70
Cederberg Shiraz 2015 Savoury, hearty and robust, this gloriously rich and concentrated South African Shiraz shows just how magnificently the country handles this varietal.	345	82
Grangehurst Pinotage 2008 24% Pinotage with the same amount Shiraz, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot fermented separately in barrels for 28 months and only released a decade later.	365	87
Vriesenhof Pinotage 2009 The best Pinotage that Jan Boland Coetzee has produced The cherry, the mild pepper, the chew tobacco, the harmony. A great discovery.	365	87
La Motte "Pierneef" Syrah 2015 94% Syrah and 6% Viognier, matured in barrels for 14 months, plus another 4 after blending. Tight, concentrated tannins combined with spicy, intense flavours to produce a wine full of complexity.	425	101
Vriesenhof Kallista 2017 A classic Bordeaux blend driven by Cabernet Franc, the 2017 is different from previous vintages to focus toward drinkability at a younger age, to make it accessible to those who are disinclined to storing wines for extended periods.	445	106
Grangehurst Nikela 2007 24% Pinotage with the same amount of Shiraz, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8 % Merlot fermented separately in barrels for 28 months and only released a decade later.	445	105
Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 This wine is only 94% Cabernet Sauvignon with touches of Petit Verdot Cab Franc and Merlot. From Helderberg soils and limiting new oak barrels to 26% with 18 months in oak.	495	118
De Grendel Rubaiyat 2016 The farm's flagship red of 62% Petit Verdot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and dollops of 4% Merlot and 4% Malbec. Full bodied and dense, aged in French oak barrels for 18 months and great potential for a graceful long term evolution.	545	130

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Newton Johnson Pinot Noir 2018	625	148
The reliance in this wine is the easy fruit enjoyed in the heat of summer. Pinot Noir are ultra-sensitive to site, hence the nuances they yield.		
The High Road Classique 2017	785	186
The Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec grapes for this blend were sourced from low yielding trellised vineyards in Stellenbosch. These vines contribute to increased concentration of flavour in the wine.		
The High Road Directors Reserve 2017	785	186
This is not your everyday wine. From the moment you pick up the bottle and pull the cork, it announces itself with a dominant presence. Cabernet Sauvignon led, Bordeaux-style blend. Expressive, intense and multi-dimensional.		
Cedarberg 5 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	835	199
Only 3000 bottles are produced mostly for the winemakers Guild. Blackcurrent, cassis, cherry, tobacco - a symphony of tastes. Great to experience ripe tannins, rich fruit, tightness. 18 months in new French oak.		
Bouchard Finlayson Pinot Noir 2015	865	205
2015 was cited as a vintage of "pure luxury", this vintage is medium dark with black-red colour. It reveals and explosive nose of red fruits, whilst the palate projects cranberry and plum. Trophy winning quality, with considerable aging potential.		

Detailed tasting notes and the full Rare & Fine collection
can be found in our wine shop.

FINE & RARE WINE TASTING - R70

Indulge in a tasting of four fine and rare wines - Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux Blend, Cape Blend and Pinot Noir to entice and enhance your gastronomic experience and understand exactly why these are indeed Fine and Rare and belong in your collection too.