

# FINE & RARE 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 10 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.

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first is 'PeeBee', the second is 'Keith' with a horizontal line underneath, and the third is a stylized signature that appears to be 'I'.

## IONA CHARDONNAY 2016

Fermented in 20% new Oak barrels to produce light lime texture. A beautiful mouthfeel, clean fruit and balance. Elgin fruit is a touch softer than warmer region.

## SHANNON MOUNT BULLET MERLOT 2014

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 Jamey held a tasting (blind!) where he compared the Mount Bullet (the peak above the farm in Elgin) to the glorious Chateau Petrus that would cost you R20,000! The Mount Bullet won on every scorecard. Petrus is the 100% Right Bank Bordeaux of all Merlot wine. So in no way is Shannon moving **SIDEWAYS**. Intensity!

## KANONKOP PAUL SAUER 2014

A Cape Bordeaux blend that caused a sensation in 1980 with Welgemeend, Overgaauw, Delheim and of course Rubicon. Beyers Truter called his first release Paul Sauer La Fleur – but from the first seriously marketed 1985 Futures scheme, it stuck to the name of politician owner.

## CEDERBERG SHIRAZ 2015

High accolades given at all tastings to this stunning dark berry, cherry North Rhone lookalike. Brilliant succulence with soft tannins. The cool evenings – the immaculately groomed vineyards – and the focus in the cellar of Dawid Niewoudt.

## KANONKOP BLACK LABEL PINOTAGE 2015

Rated Number One at any tasting offering this wine. The glory of Pinotage. In 1955 Bellevue, Delheim, Kanonkop planted the first Pinotage (a 1925 cross of Pinot Noir and Hermitage (Cinsaut). These arms are now like rigger players thighs – with a low yield producing intense concentration.

## SOUTHERN RIGHT PINOTAGE 2016

The 34 Degree South tasting Panel were so very impressed by the taste and charm of this albeit young Pinotage. Lovely depth of flavours with spiciness making it ideal for a summer meal. Serve slightly chilled.

## DELHEIM VERA CRUZ PINOTAGE 2014

In 1998 Spatz Sperlong celebrated with the Vera Cruz Merlot, Pinotage, Sauvignon Blanc & Syrah – but thereafter only put the Vera Cruz label as Delheim's icon. After re-fashioning the vines and soil, the MD Reg Hillier and Victor Sperling realised what a truly brilliant Pinotage emerged in 2014 – this is it! A Command Performance.

## DELHEIM GRAND RESERVE

The 2014 was the re-introduction of Spatz's pride, with firm darker berries and an excellent structure. As the wine airs you will pick up that lovely Cabernet grip – the "lead pencils" if you wish.

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## IONA SYRAH SOLACE 2015

Who introduced “Cool Area Shiraz” into the Cape? Andrew Gunn ordered Pinot Noir for his high placed Elgin property. One after the next caught on & Syrah from the Cool areas had a great run. Taste this 2015 and experience grace and lusciousness – ripeness and appeal.

## BOUCHARD FINLAYSON PINOT NOIR GALPIN PEAK 2015

I have tasted Peter Finlayson’s Pinot Noir since 1979 and “By God” this one is so close to perfection. Pinot Noir is like the people you know. Take them for their faults and you will love them. So what when it all comes together? Treasure the moment.

## NEWTON JOHNSON PINOT NOIR 2016 FAMILY RANGE

This wine sells out – for 2 reasons. Firstly for 8 successive vintages, the Family Pinot Noir earned 5 stars in the Platter Guide. The other reason is the mentality of Dave Johnson’s family. Son Gordon is devoted to Pinot Noir, sourcing from 3 different vineyards. He aims at fruit and softer texture. .

## LONGRIDGE EKLIPTIKA 2014 /2015

Led by Cabernet Franc with the wildness of fynbos holding and truly excellent darker berries. Two years in 90% new oak gives texture to the wine. A Command Performance.

## VRIESENHOF PINOTAGE 2009 (PeeBee’s dream wine)

Jan “Boland” Coetzee – who left Kanonkop in 1980 to do his own thing at Vriesenhof having retired after 13 seasons with the Maties, having captained Province and played flank for the Boks – does not release his wines chronologically. Indeed he has not “officially” released the 2009, but so impressed was the 34 Degree South panel, that he relented.

## DIE PLEK CINSAUT 2016 (from the Helderberg)

Cinsaut – at one stage called Hermitage and Pinot Noir, mothered the first Pinotage in 1925. Sadie’s Pofadder from Riebeeck Kasteel is truly world class. Jasper Raats, joint owner of Longridge found a 60 year old Cinsaut block in Stellenbosch and resolved to produce a reflection of the unique place – Die Plek.

## RUST EN VREDE SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

Getting evenly ripened berries even in an inconsistent vintage, creates a wine to remember. Situated in the Helderberg where the darker berries and cherry flavours show proudly, the challenge is to integrate the fruit, the wildness and the new oak in which the wine is fermented. A highpoint in your tasting experience.

## DIEMERSDAL PRIVATE COLLECTION 2015

A Cape Bordeaux blend led by 67% Cabernet Sauvignon. That amazing “eucalyptus” feel on the palate supported by beautiful ripe red berries. The talents of young Tienie Louw are being revealed – especially in the two Sauvignons – Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc.

## REYNEKE “CORNERSTONE” 2014

The country's leading BIO-DYNAMIC (in the true sense of the word) producer is Johan Reyneke who using the principles of Bio-Dynamics, made his first “Cornerstone”. The current Cornerstone is an open style Cape Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.