

THE 34 SOUTH WINE PANEL



20 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 eminently drinkable!” 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.

PeeBee

RUST EN VREDE SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014 *****



Although Coenie Snyman – who moved to R en V in 2016 – generally make huge bold wines, the advantage of getting evenly ripened berries even in an inconsistent vintage, creates a wine to remember. Situated in the Helderberg where the darker berries & cherry flavours show proudly, the challenge is to integrate the fruit, the wildness and the new oak in which the wine is fermented. A high point in your tasting experience.

DIEMERSDAL PRIVATE COLLECTION 2015 *****

A Cape Bordeaux blend led by 67% Cabernet Sauvignon from this huge Durbanville farm with some of the oldest soils worldwide. That amazing “eucalyptus” feel on the palate supported by beautiful red berries. The talents of young Tienie Louw are being revealed.



IONA SYRAH SOLACE 2015

Cool area Shiraz, originally when planted by Andrew Gunn on his Elgin site thinking it was Pinot Noir, produced a softer, silkier, smother mouthfeel. Exciting. Since then a number of Cool Area Syrah have emerged, winning accolades. More amenable and accessible in the mouth. This SOLace is in high demand. It is a story of taste, of silkiness, of understanding of the Southern Rhone. None of that aggression often associated with Shiraz in the Cape.



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. Why ruin that memory with a card-ful of words! Congratulations Peter who started his winemaking over 40 years ago. Let's hope that Nature blesses you in the remaining vintage you experience. Something regal about being a Peter.



FINE & RARE WINES BY THE GLASS

IONA CHARDONNAY 2016 R110

SHANNON MOUNT BULLET MERLOT 2014 R165

KANONKOP PAUL SAUER 2014 R215

CEDERBERG SHIRAZ 2015 R95

DELHEIM VERA CRUZ PINOTAGE 2014 R145

MEERLUST RUBICON 2015 R150

DELHEIM GRAND RESERVE 2014 R110

IONA SYRAH SOLACE 2015 R110

REYNEKE "CORNERSTONE" 2014 R90

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON PINOT NOIR GALPIN
PEAK 2015 R120

NEWTON JOHNSON PINOT NOIR 2016 FAMILY
RANGE R115

LONGRIDGE EKLIPTIKA 2014 R170

VRIESENHOF PINOTAGE 2009 R85

DIE PLEK CINSAULT 2016 R160

RUST EN VREDE SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2014 R170

DIEMERSDAL PRIVATE COLLECTION 2015 R65

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

FINE & RARE WINE TASTING

Indulge in a tasting of four fine and rare wines - Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux Blend, Syrah 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 to.

R60

