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WINE LIST


"Wine making is part Art and part Science. Given the same grapes from the same vineyard and the same facilities, no two winemakers will make the same wine."

Lewis Perdue, *The Wrath of Grapes*, 1999

Like most things at Grootbos Nature Reserve, a lot of thought went into the compiling of this wine list.

As Grootbos sees itself as an establishment trying to support the local economy and develop sustainable livelihoods, you will find a great variety of excellent wines of the surrounding area, which boasts more than 70 wineries, on our wine list!

As the majority of our guests spend time in the famous wine regions of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek before or after visiting Grootbos, we would like to introduce you to our truly local wines.

Furthermore, you will find the following symbol  next to certain wines, which shows that the wine is a member of the Biodiversity & Wine Initiative (BWI). The BWI is a pioneering partnership between the South African wine industry and the conservation sector. The goals are to minimise the further loss of threatened natural habitat, and to contribute to sustainable wine production, through the adoption of biodiversity guidelines by the South African wine industry.

For a more detailed description or for help with making a choice of wine with your meal, please feel free to contact our enthusiastic barmen or Restaurant Management, who would be more than happy to help you with your selection.

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WINES BY THE GLASS

Southern Right Sauvignon Blanc	R 50.00
Springfontein Chenin Blanc	R 50.00
Paul Cluver Chardonnay	R 60.00
Southhill Rose	R 40.00
Red of Sopiensklip	R 50.00
Boschvrievier Shiraz	R 60.00
Southhill Cabernet Sauvignon	R 50.00
Villiera Brut NV	R 40.00


CHAMPAGNE

The name Champagne may only refer to the most northerly vineyard region in France and the sparkling wines produced there.

Veuve Clicquot NV "Yellow Label"	R 1150.00
Moët & Chandon NV	R 990.00
Moët & Chandon Rosé	R 1350.00
Laurent Perrier Brut NV	R 1450.00

METHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

South Africa's answer to Champagne. Bottle fermented and degorged in the traditional French method. Ideal as an aperitif with seafood or to celebrate the good times!

Villiera Tradition Brut  R 210.00
W.O Stellenbosch ★★★★★
One of South Africa's top selling Methode Cap Classique. Blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and a typical Pinotage. Perfect balance of fruit and acidity with a lively finish.

Quoin Rock Cape Agulhas Cap Classique  R 290.00
W.O Cape Agulhas ★★★★★
Oat biscuit, strawberry, and hints of caramel are evident on the nose. The extra brut style and crisp acidity provide a refreshing and palate-cleansing drinking experience.

Domaine Des Dieux Claudia R 290.00
W.O Walkerbay ★★★
Consistent flavors of Strawberry, Lime and Granny Smith apples. Perhaps freshly baked Biscuits, rounded by a fresh yet creamy mouth-feel. Smooth tiny bubbles... A wine for all occasions!

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SAUVIGNON BLANC

The Cape produces some extremely good examples of this variety, The best Sauvignon Blanc wines come from the coolest areas in specific districts like the Coastal and Breede River valley regions.

Ataraxia 2009

R 180.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Beautiful to drink now, but one to watch once it has a little bottle age. Racy acidity, which is extremely well integrated, broad but still firm. Citrus, gooseberry and spice aromas with clean minerality.

Creation 2010

R 180.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

A newcomer to the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. The vines were planted in 2002 on virgin land. The cellar was finally built in 2007 just in time for harvest. This wine boasts all the aromas of tropical fruit, elegant elder flower and interesting, mineral whiffs, followed through on the full-bodied palate.

Southern Right 2010



R 190.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Anthony Hamilton Russell, of Hamilton Russell Vineyards, founded Southern Right winery in 1994, to be a Sauvignon Blanc and Pinotage specialist. The Southern Right Sauvignon Blanc is loaded with fruity aromas. An old world minerality and length with new world palate, coverage and body.

Raka 2009

R 150.00

W.O Walker Bay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

This wine shows classic cool climate characteristics. Pronounced tropical aromas with Gooseberries, Pear and Guava. Hints of green Pepper, Fig and Asparagus. These aromas follow through onto a lively, crisp palate with richness and complexity.

South Hill 2009

R 160.00

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

Characteristic aromas of litchi and granadilla are still balanced with the distinctive freshness associated with cool climate Sauvignon Blanc. The palate has more weight than 2007 and although still bone dry, there is a richness stemming from more concentrated fruit.

Quoin Rock 2009



R 180.00

W.O Cape Agulhas ★★★★★

Intense nose and mouth feel as per normal from the Agulhas area. Passion fruit, citrus and kiwi. This wine portrays good acidity and rich minerality.

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CHARDONNAY

Fine Chardonnays are now being made with a range of styles. If underwooded, these wines do not have the racy acidity and almost steely dryness of most wines. The fully wooded wines are now starting to rival the best that the world has to offer.

Ataraxia 2008

R 370.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Wine maker Kevin Grant does what he does best. After many years at Hamilton Russell Vineyards he knows the region exceptionally well. A well balanced wine with all the complexity you would look for in a Chardonnay without being too heavy with a beautiful long lasting finish.

Bouchard Finlayson Sans Barrique 2009

R 210.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Un-wooded Chardonnay with lean bright, fruity green Apple and Citrus flavors, enriched by Guava and Honeysuckle tones. An excellent accompaniment to Shellfish and Sushi!

Hamilton Russell 2007/2008

R 490.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Different to most "New World" Chardonnay's and far more terrain driven. The stony clay rich soil in which the vines are grown, lends itself to a more classical style Chardonnay. An unmistakable mineral and citrus finish.

Newton Johnson 2008

R 240.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Owned by Cape wine master Dave Johnson and family. After spending 10 months in 33% new oak, crisp citrus flavours are cradled by a poised creaminess.

Creation 2009

R 245.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Straw yellow with attractive glints of green. On the nose glorious layers of sun-kissed pear and peach are enhanced by fresh minerality and a hint of piquant vanilla. The full-bodied palate is in perfect harmony: generously fruity and subtly spicy, with well-judged acidity contributing excellent balance and a lively, lingering aftertaste.

Paul Cluver 2009

R 245.00

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

Beautiful straw colour with aromas of freshly cut hay, figs and peaches. Perfect wood integration ensures that the fruit still appears fresh and lively. A wine that would suite a variety of dishes from fish, duck or some desserts.

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CHENIN BLANC

Chenin Blanc currently is by far the most planted grape variety of South Africa's vineyards. Some very good Chenin Blanc is produced in a unique South African style that is very fruity and accessible.

Wildeckrans 2010

W.O Botrivier ★★★



R 180.00

Multi-layered with complexity of Cape Gooseberry and Tangerine, which follows through to a lingering Lime and Grapefruit finish.

Beaumont Hope Marguerite 2009

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★



R 240.00

Elegance in a glass, named after the families late grandmother and special project of wine maker Sebastian. Everything you could ask for from a wooded Chenin. Hints of ripe green Apple, dried Apricot and Almond on mid palate.

Springfontein Terroir Selection 2009

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

R 180.00

This hand crafted, unfiltered Chenin having 15% Malo barrel fermented as well as spending five months in 30% French oak is interesting to say the least. Tropical fruit on the nose that is followed through to the palate with a wonderful complexity and a great long lasting finish.

Jean Daneel 2008

W.O Napier ★★★★★

R 240.00

Sophisticated and suave. Finely integrated wood with a long lively finish.

VIOGNIER

Internationally, this varietal is growing in popularity. With its highly perfumed, floral nose and crisp acidity it is a delicious summer wine. Still a very small planting in South Africa, but showing great potential.

Creation 2010

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

R 195.00

So excited to have found this little gem, maiden vintage and what a vintage it is. Sold out within two months of bottling. An interesting nose full of complexity that does not under deliver on the palate. White peaches with a creamy characteristic which continually develops in the glass.

Elgin Vintners 2008/2009

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

R 210.00

This outstanding Viognier, the first from the Elgin Valley, displays yellow peaches, apricots and kiwi fruit on the nose. Punchy ripe fruit flavours combine with a good acid backbone to provide a satisfying and lingering finish.

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ROSE

Regaining its popularity in South Africa and thankfully moving away from its sweet predecessors to the dry and sophisticated wines similar to the European style Rosé.

South Hill 2008

R 120.00

W.O Elgin ★★★

The Rose is refreshingly dry. The nose bursts with strawberry and Tropical fruit aromas, following through to a soft and juicy palate, which has an enticingly clean finish.

Hermanuspietersfontein Bloos 2010



R 140.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★

A unique blended Rosé, with complex aromas. Rich freshly crushed strawberry, complimented by berry fruit. Hints of Turkish delight and Spice. The same characteristic carries through on the palate with a refreshing crisp finish.

BLENDED RED WINES

An area where wine makers can truly experiment and where the artistry of wine making becomes most visible. Starting with the Bordeaux Style blends containing two or more of “noble” varieties - Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec, to the ever debated “Cape Blends”, or to Pinotage blends - the possibilities are endless...

Ataraxia Serenity 2007

R 270.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★

From wine maker Kevin Grant, a seamless blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. Vibrant nose showing Raspberries and red Currents with intriguing mineral notes held together by a beautifully refined tannin structure and finished with a lingering spice. Elegant, classy, delicious.

Beaumont Ariane 2006



R 240.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc makes up this dark garnet red wine. Deep black Berry fruit, with a hint of Spice and firm, grainy tannins. A famine wine but certainly no shrinking violet!

Red of Sopiensklip 2008

R 170.00

W.O Western Cape

This “Cape Blend” shows soft ripe tannins with ruby fruit. A long and lingering aftertaste.

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Raka Spliced 2008

R 155.00

W.O Walker Bay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

63% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Ruby Cabernet. Dark plum in colour. Rich dark Berry aromas with incredible Fruit concentration and a hint of Caramel on the nose. Easy drinking wine with a smoky tobacco on the pallet.

Creation 2008

R 270.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

A Bordeaux-style blend of the finest tradition. Dense, blue-black in colour with gorgeous hues of violet. The sumptuous berry bouquet tempts with generous Blackberry and Blackcurrant aromas against a background of smoky oak. The palate is in perfect harmony: taut and richly textured with well-integrated tannins, which promises excellent maturation potential.

Hannibal 2007

R 365.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★ 

Something a little different. A "Tuscan Styled" wine of Sangiovese, Syrah and Pinot Noir, with a splash of Nebbiolo and Mourvedre. This is a bold wine, but still not overly heavy. Concentrated, dark and fruity with whiffs of Oak and wood on the nose. Velvety tannins offering a sumptuous slow-pronounced finish.

Jakob's Vineyards 2007

R 250.00

W.O. Walker Bay

Composite flavours of sweet berries, violet, pepper and spice. Dry entry with firm well ballanced tannins. Rounded off with a soft mouth feel.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The most commonly grown red variety in the Cape right now. Can stand alone triumphantly, but frequently blended with a wide range of other varieties.

Hermanuspietersfontein Swartskaaip 2008

R 280.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★ 

Our only Cabernet Frank on the list. A bold tannin structure with hints of ruby fruit and spice. Perfect for any steak or venison dish. This wine will age well, developing in character.

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Wildeckrans 2007



R 190.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★

This light bodied wine is fruit driven with aromas of ripe berries and delicate undertones of cigar box. A mouth filling palate of Cherries and Spice with a rich defined tannin structure, leaving a lingering aftertaste.

South Hill Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

R 180.00

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

Aromas of black Cherries and Cassis together with a well integrated toastiness. The palate is fruit driven with juicy dark Chocolate, clean, red Berry Fruit and a hint of Vanilla. A soft, elegant wine with ripe tannins, juicy Fruit and excellent acid integration. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Arumdale 2005

R 235.00

W.O Elgin ★★★

Soft, smooth tannin structure. Very accessible and portrays a nice fruity character. The ladies will love this wine...

MERLOT

Classic blending partner for Cabernet where it is seen as the feminine counterpoint to Cabernet's masculinity. Now wildly fashionable around the world.

Quoin Rock Merlot 2007



R 200.00

W.O Agulhas ★★★★★

A complex array of fresh red Berry Fruit is evident on the nose with background hints of Plums, Berry confit, Cedar and Tobacco. The palate is full with a delicate tannin structure and tight restraint and a long finish. The 2004 Merlot is drinking well on release, but will continue to improve for up to 12 years from vintage.

Elgin Vintners 2006

R 195.00

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

Nice, easy-drinking, medium-bodied wine. Raspberries and violets on the nose, elegant fruit with a soft, silky finish on the palate.

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Sumaridge 2007

R 195.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

A complex, full-bodied Merlot with a deep, brooding dark fruit profile supported by hints of chocolate and vanilla spice, this wine also offers an enduring line of soft tannins.

Raka Barrel Select 2008

R 210.00

W.O Walkerbay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

Classy and classic. A selection of the best casks after one years oaking. Sumptuous berries, fine-grained ripe tannins.

PINOTAGE

The “proudly South African” grape variety first produced in 1925. A descendant of Pinot Noir and Cinsaut. The fusion of these two varieties gives us a wine with soft tannins and smooth cherry and meaty notes.

Beaumont 2008

R 210.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★



Intense Pinotage fruit, plummy red berry aromas. Supremely elegant fruit driven palate, backed by rich grainy tannins. Taken to barrel for 14 months in 25% American oak and the remainder in French oak. 35% new oak was selected for the final wine.

Wildekranz 2008

R 190.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★



Sourced from a single low yielding, trellised vineyard. This wine shows forthcoming raspberry and vanilla aromas with delicate traces of fresh plums. A silky smooth entry, with red berries and spice on the palate, and a touch of mocha lingering on the finish.

Southern Right 2007

R 350.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★



Anthony's aim at Southern Right is to produce serious age worthy Pinotage through combining a distinct South African fruit and flavour, with classic style and refinement. Packed with complex dark berry fruit aromas, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice.

Raka 2008

R 180.00

W.O Walker Bay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

A typical pinotage nose of banana and lots of rooibos tea. It is full bodied, displays spice and peppercorn on the tongue, but is soft and smooth with a lingering aftertaste.

Springfontein Terroir Selection 2007

R 195.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

This single vineyard wine of Springfontein is elegant yet very complex for a Pinotage. A good balance of dark berry fruit aromas, tannins and great natural acidity. Produced in small quantities to ensure the highest quality!

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SHIRAZ

Known to be the finest red Grape variety in the world and seen by many as the great hope of South African red wines. Its tiny berries give the wine firm tannins and acidity. Synonymous for its black-fruit and spiciness, it makes it perfect for enjoying on its own, or with a spicy dish.

Benguela Cove 2008

R 250.00

W.O Walkerbay ★★★★★

The nose is a combination of dark Berry and savory Spice aromas, with a hint of Tobacco leaf. A big rich palate of sweet Fruit, Spice, Pepper, combined with a long finish of ripe tannins. An altogether very full, well balanced wine.

Raka Biography 2007

R 225.00

W.O Walker Bay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

A good intensity of colour, with a young and vibrant red purple hue. Lots of cherry black Fruits on the nose, with some notes of Orange peel. A palate loaded with balanced Fruit, with very appealing ripe, slightly spicy tannins, and fairly soft acidity.

Boschrivier 2005

R 225.00

W.O Walker Bay/Kleinrivier ★★★★★

The bottle may be mistaken for a boy scout with all the awards it displays. Boschrivier Shiraz 2004 has beautiful fruit and an almost "jammy" nose, but on the palate the fruit gives way to the tannins. Slightly dry, but greatly enjoyed with food.

Luddite 2006

R 420.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★ 

This full-bodied red shows plump berries in plush upholstery, dark notes that happily linger, with intense spice flavours that wrap around your mouth. High natural acidity ensures that this wine will age well.

Creation Syrah/Grenache 2008

R 295.00

W.O Walkerbay ★★★★★

Dark stone fruit with lovely spiciness with soft tannins. The Grenache takes the edge off and makes it a little more accessible with sweet pomegranate and strawberry aromas.

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PINOT NOIR

Notoriously a difficult grape to grow outside of its native Burgundy. Pinot Noir is often referred to as the “Heart Break Grape”. Walker Bay is known to produce some of our top Pinot Noir's in South Africa, due to its similar climate and terrior to Burgundy.

Bouchard Finlayson 2008



R 475.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Deflytly balanced, rich, dark-coloured with rich plum and fruity aromas. Luscious tannins which calls one back into the glass. Very appealing on the polished after taste!

Hamilton Russell Vineyard 2008



R 490.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

The name Anthony Hamilton Russell will always be associated with Pinot Noir, as he was the first to put South African Pinot Noir on the International map. Always an amazing wine! Light in colour and weight, this wine shows impressive dimension and class. The aromas and flavours are complex but focused, with lovely notes of red cherries, smoke, spice and subtle vanilla.

Creation 2009

R 360.00

W.O Walker Bay ★★★★★

Deep ruby in colour, gleaming and inviting in the glass. The intensely fragrant bouquet shows a mélange of red berry aromas, elegant vanilla and a whiff of wood spice. These follow through on the full-bodied palate where soft, supple tannins contribute to the dense structure. A superbly balanced wine with a lingering, memorable aftertaste.

DESSERT WINES

Beaumont Goutte d'Or



R 320.00

W.O Botrivier ★★★★★

Spicy cinnamon baked with dried fruits, apricot and peach aromas. The palate expresses rich orange peel flavours with lovely sweetness and weight, but still refreshing with good acidity cutting through the sweetness.

Paul Cluver NLH



R 320.00

W.O Elgin ★★★★★

Delicate cinnamon and nutmeg. Dried apricots and racy lime. Sweet stewed peaches finished of with sweet caramel banana. Perfect with or as dessert.

PORTS

Tawny

by the glass R 25.00

Allesverloren NV

by the glass R 25.00