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## Champagnes

### **Dom Pérignon 1995 Vintage**

R2,200

This prestigious flagship deluxe cuvée from the house of Moët & Chandon is consistently one of the finest Champagnes produced. 1995 was an excellent vintage. A blend of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir, this wine is dry in style offering a persistent mousse, creamy complexity, finesse, elegance and length of fine flavour.

### **Moët & Chandon 1995 Vintage**

R1,100

The consistently high quality of this well-known Champagne house is even more evident in their vintage wines. 1995 was a good vintage and the wines are beginning to show their best now, offering great depth of flavour and complexity, a creamy texture and a lovely, long finish.

### **Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial Rosé NV**

R800

A visually appealing pink and limpid wine with a white mousse, which is dry and serious in style offering a lively and crisp mouthful and some creamy complexity.

### **Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial NV**

R800

The non-vintage house style of this marque blends a consistent wine every year from various vintages. Dry in style with fresh, crisp flavours.

### **Taittinger 1996 Vintage**

R1,200

### **Taittinger 1998 Vintage**

R1,200

Taittinger is one of the oldest Champagne houses, producing wines hallmarked by their length, style and elegance. 1996 was hailed by many as the vintage of the century. Chardonnay is the dominant variety in this classic and hugely complex blend.

## Pinot Noir

**Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir 2006**      Region: Walker Bay      R420

This highly-esteemed producer produces wines exclusively from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and manages better than most to replicate the restrained and complex Burgundian expression of these varieties. Low-vigour soils, tiny yields and cool maritime climate give rise to a tighter, more classic wine with no overt fruitiness or sweetness. Instead, it shows hints of that alluring 'primal' character along with a dark, spicy, complex primary fruit perfume.

**Meerlust Pinot Noir Reserve 2003**      Region: Stellenbosch      R360  
**Meerlust Pinot Noir Reserve 2004**

Long recognized for producing world-class wines, Meerlust Estate's eighth generation custodian Hannes Myburgh maintains his family's dedication to producing wines in a classic style. Italian Giorgio dalla Cia fashioned these examples during his long tenure here, favouring spicy, truffle aromas and flavours to the more simple, fruity character of the variety. Fine acidity and supple tannins make it the perfect accompaniment to delicate meat and duck dishes.

## Pinotage

**Hidden Valley Pinotage 2000**      Region: Stellenbosch      R460

Widely acclaimed as one of the top examples of this native South African variety, this wine is meticulously made in small quantities. It is full-bodied and generously fruity on the palate, due to the warm 2000 vintage, well-balanced by fine wood tannins.

**CWG Hidden Valley Pinotage 1998**      Region: Stellenbosch      R420

An outstanding collector's Pinotage made from Dave Hidden's old and low-yielding vines in the Devon Valley, but vinified by Jeremy Walker (a winemaker with a great deal of experience with pinotage) at Grangehurst Winery. This is an intensely perfumed wine, exhibiting rich, ripe spicy fruit, dark juiciness and luscious, persistent finish.

**Kanonkop Pinotage 1998**      Region: Stellenbosch      R440

One of the handful of 5-star wines in John Platter's Guide to South African Wines. Kanonkop winemaker Beyers Truter's mastery of this grape grown on this estate rarely fails to impress. This massive wine is firmly structured, with ripe tannins, good depth of dark berry fruit and has developed wonderful complexity with age. 225-litre French oak barrels were used to mature the wines for 16 months before bottling.

**Kanonkop Pinotage 2000 (1.5ℓ)**      Region: Stellenbosch      R550

Kanonkop Pinotage has consistently been listed as one of the top ten Pinotages produced in South Africa every year. Produced from the estate's oldest bushvines, the resulting wine is firmly structured and concentrated in colour and flavours, which include raspberry, plum and banana - typical of this South African variety.

## Merlot

### Meerlust Merlot 1989 (1.5ℓ)

Region: Stellenbosch

R950

The 1993 edition of the Platter Guide to South African Wine found this vintage worthy of 4½ stars for its classy spiciness & vivid fruit character. In magnum format, the wine has developed a mahogany colour, and is still lively despite its age, exhibiting leather & tobacco aromas, dark cherry flavours and savoury minerality on the finish.

### Meerlust Merlot 1997

Region: Stellenbosch

R390

### Meerlust Merlot 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R280

### Meerlust Merlot 1999

Region: Stellenbosch

R280

In keeping with the classicism of this property, the merlot - blended in most years with a structuring 10% dollop of cabernet sauvignon and barrique matured for 24 months - shows its trademark finesse and elegance. Black & red fruits combine with rich spiciness & cedarwood perfume in '97, while plum and mulberry notes dominate the riper '98 and plush '99 vintages.

### Morgenhof Merlot Reserve 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R220

Lavishly styled and structured, made only in exceptional years. Soft, full, ripe and generous Cape benchmark of this variety. Owner Anne Cointreau-Huchon of an illustrious French family spares no expense in pursuit of quality.

### Spier Private Collection Merlot 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R220

An applauded wine on release, showing dimension and a rich, savoury vanilla character. It spent 14 months new French oak barrels. Its ripe berry flavours are underscored by hints of mint and eucalyptus.

### Thelema Merlot Reserve 2000

Region: Stellenbosch

R340

A barrel selection of 100% new French-oaked merlot, harvested from cool, immaculate mountainside vineyards. A serious, plush wine with enormous depth of fruit; supple and richly textured from perfectionist winemaker Gyles Webb.

### Veenwouden Merlot 1997

Region: Paarl

R750

### Veenwouden Merlot 1999

Region: Paarl

R520

### Veenwouden Merlot 2000

Region: Paarl

R500

This boutique cellar has been producing much sought-after premium red wines for a decade, with international consultant Michel Rolland assisting winemaker Marcel van der Walt.

Without doubt, the '97 vintage was the finest of the decade, yielding dense, ripe, plush fruit and a firm yet elegant structure. A much warmer '99 vintage produced a riper, more fruit-driven style. Enjoy its mulberry richness now. The millennium vintage yielded a full-bodied, powerful wine from perfectly ripened merlot fruit. All were matured for 2 years in French oak.

## Cabernet Sauvignon

### High Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon 2000

Region: Constantia

R320

A sought-after wine, dark plum in colour, full-bodied and well-balanced. Complex layers of rich berry fruit intermingle with savoury flavours and fine tannins. Maturation took place for 13 months in French oak.

### Kanonkop Cabernet Sauvignon 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R550

This deep, structured, powerful vintage is produced from low-yielding 25 year-old vines. Matured for 24 months in small French oak barrels (from five different coopers,) it has lost none of its youthful vigour with time in bottle, developing the complexity derived from the rich blackberry and nutty cabernet aromas & flavours.

### Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 1997

Region: Constantia

R240

A single vineyard wine from a special breed of cabernet sauvignon offers distinctively minty aromas. This exceptionally long and cool season produced an elegant and complex wine with well-developed, finely-layered fruit. Tannins are firm and structured and generous flavours lead to a long, savoury finish

### Nederburg Auction Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1994

Region: Paarl

R360

Purchased at auction, the reserve bottling is deep garnet in colour, with black cherry aromas intertwined with a slight smokiness. Smoothly textured with soft tannins and a long finish.

### Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

Region: Stellenbosch

R280

Deeply extracted colour, and mouth-filling flavours of ripe blackberry and dark cherry. Well-balanced and complex, with soft well-integrated tannins, this opulent wine from a warm vintage was matured in French barriques for 14 months.

### Rustenberg Peter Barlow 1999

Region: Stellenbosch

R420

Wine has been produced at this gracious estate since 1692. Made from 100% cabernet sauvignon, aromas of violets, mint, coffee and blackberry carry through to an elegant palate, combining with smooth layers of fine-grained tannin. Matured in new French oak barriques for 20 months. Many international awards include:

*5 Stars – Decanter Magazine (November 2002)*  
*99+ Points (Extraordinary) – Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*

*5 Stars – John Platter Wine Guide 2003*  
*92 Points – Wine Spectator (May 2002)*

### Saxenberg Private Collection Cabernet Sauvignon 1995

Region: Stellenbosch

R410

From this winery’s premium collection, a classic, self-contained claret style, concentrated but not showy. Nutty aromas, ripe cassis, and a long savoury finish make this a very satisfying wine. Matured for a year in French oak.

### Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 1992

Region: Stellenbosch

R950

Thelema Mountain Vineyards led the way in the early 90s in producing distinctively modern-styled and accessible red wines, with the ability to age well. Compact structure and excellent depth of fruit has enabled this wine to evolve gracefully. The concentrated blackcurrant and blackberry flavours with a hint of mint and eucalyptus is in perfect balance with the clean French oak.

### Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R450

Winemaker Gyles Webb worked at Heitz in California before establishing this winery in the late 80s. His emphasis on ripe tannins, supple textures and complex fruit make this a consistent and distinctive wine. Appealing cedarwood, plum and minty aromas, with a firm fruit-filled palate. Matured for 18 months in French oak, then blended with a little merlot.

## Red Blends : Bordeaux-style

- Beyerskloof Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 1997**      Region: Stellenbosch      R450  
Classic Bordeaux in cépage (77% cabernet sauvignon, 23% merlot) and character, with a powerful austerity, tightly structured, deep rich dark fruit and pleasing minerality. The 1997 vintage produced wines of great finesse. A regular award winner made by Beyers Truter of Kanonkop fame.
- High Constantia Sebastiaan 2000**      Region: Constantia      R340  
A 72% cabernet sauvignon, 28% cabernet franc blend from this boutique winery. The firm cabernet sauvignon backbone finely complements the finesse and elegance of cabernet franc. A smooth and complex wine matured for 14 months in French oak.
- Meerlust Rubicon 1993**      Region: Stellenbosch      R480  
One of the first Cape Bordeaux-styled blends from this internationally renowned estate. Rubicon is consistently restrained & quietly understated in style, rewarding time in bottle. 1993 was a sound vintage, producing a distinctive, classic & complex wine.
- Meerlust Rubicon 1994**      Region: Stellenbosch      R420  
This warm vintage produced a sumptuously ripe wine yielding complex aromas of blackcurrant and pencil shavings, with an earthy, almost vegetal character. Fine flavours and tannins, with the savoury acidity carrying the plum flavoured finish.
- Meerlust Rubicon 1996 (1.5 I)**      Region: Stellenbosch      R560  
A cool vintage, generally producing red wines for earlier drinking. An almost translucent blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon with merlot and cabernet franc, this wine is lighter in style, with spicy red fruit and lacy tannins.
- Meerlust Rubicon 1997**      Region: Stellenbosch      R400  
The 1997 vintage, with its unusually long cool growing season produced some excellent wines with firm structure, spicy tobacco aromatics and good fruit concentration. A classic and complex Bordeaux-styled wine.
- Meerlust Rubicon 2000**      Region: Stellenbosch      R340  
This warm vintage yielded a deep inky purple wine with a spicy tobacco leaf and cigar box bouquet. Firm tannins frame the still-youthful palate and balance the dense fruit flavours.
- Rustenberg John X Merriman 1999**      Region: Stellenbosch      R280  
The resulting ripeness from the warm '99 vintage is fully expressed in this wine. The spicy oak and ripe cassis, blackcurrant and cherry aromas are complemented by an approachable and seamless tannin structure. A complex, many-layered wine. (90 Points *Wine Spectator* – May 2002)
- Veenwouden Vivat Bacchus 1999**      Region: Paarl      R270  
Veenwouden's second label is a blend of merlot (65%), malbec and both cabernets franc and sauvignon. Aromatic leather and cedarwood nose, with flavours of ripe plum and vanilla make this a delightfully accessible wine.
- Veenwouden Classic 2000**      Region: Paarl      R550  
A more taut character than opulent 1999 vintage. Classic Bordeaux nose of pencil-shavings and blackcurrants, with a firm palate fleshed out with plummy merlot. Matured for 2 years in small French oak barrels.
- CWG Vergelegen Rondekop 1999**      Region: Stellenbosch      R590  
This 50/50 blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot from the single vineyard, Rondekop, was matured for a lengthy 26 months in new French oak. An opaque, dense and complex wine, exhibiting ripe black and red berries, cedarwood and spice. Tannins are ripe and complex, giving structure and power, while retaining a natural elegance.

## Red Blends : Bordeaux-style Cont.

### **CWG De Trafford Estate 2000**

Region: Stellenbosch

R500

A cabernet sauvignon (50%), cabernet franc (34%) and merlot (33%) blend from high-altitude vineyards. This artisanal wine was bottled by hand, unfiltered and unfiltered. The perfectly ripe fruit shows in the deep colour and intense, complex nose. Rich, opulent with a long soft but firm finish. Matured in French oak for 19 months.

### **CWG Neil Ellis Auction Reserve 1999**

Region: Stellenbosch

R520

A rich, ripe blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% cabernet franc, matured in tight-grained French oak for 22 months. High-toned blackcurrant, violet and cedarwood aromas, with a hint of mintiness. Opulent, plum-fruited palate balanced by good acidity and fine tannins.

### **Jordan 1999 CWG Auction (1.5l magnum)**

Region: Stellenbosch

R1,100

Meticulous winemaking couple, Gary and Cathy Jordan, invest their finest grapes and best French barrels in this Bordeaux style blend, made exclusively for the prestigious annual Cape Winemaker's Guild auction. The concentrated spicy, dark berry flavours are balanced by firm tannin structure in this complex, classic wine

## Red Blends (Cabernet Sauvignon – Shiraz)

### **Rust en Vrede Estate 1999**

Region: Stellenbosch

R440

Deeply coloured blend of 60 % cabernet sauvignon, 30% shiraz and 10% merlot, separately aged in French and American oak for 18 months before blending. A rich, full-bodied and complex wine, chewy and savoury, with a pleasant aftertaste of roasted almonds.

### **Mas Nicolas 1999**

Region: Stellenbosch

R400

The maiden vintage of a southern French styled cabernet-shiraz blend from highly acclaimed winemaker Nico van der Merwe. Understated, superbly balanced and supple, this wine is ready to be enjoyed now.

## Cape Blends

*A recently devised category describing a blend containing an element of pinotage, which aims to be quintessentially Cape. Some labels carry the term Cape Blend, whilst others, like this wine, do not.*

### **Remhoogte Bonne Nouvelle 2002**

Region: Stellenbosch

R300

Celebrity Pomerol consultant Michel Rolland is a partner in this Stellenbosch property. His seriously fashioned, Cape-style blend of 58% merlot, 25% pinotage and 17% cabernet sauvignon is densely fruited, classic and complex, with tightly knit tannins providing structure through to the finish.

## Shiraz / Syrah

### De Trafford Shiraz 2000

Region: Stellenbosch

R380

Shiraz grapes are nurtured in high altitude vineyards. Intense vanilla blackberry nose – very New World in style – exhibits pepper, spices and a hint of leather. The rich fruit-laden palate and chunky, ripe tannins lead to a long warm finish. Maturation in French and American oak.

### CWG Hartenberg Gravel Hill Shiraz 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R560

Gravel Hill is a single vineyard wine intended to reflect its unique terroir. The vineyard comprises pure red gravel stone and consistently provides the most intense Rhône-style Shiraz. Dark crimson in colour with aromas of cracked pepper, violets wild herbs and distinct earthiness. A 'complete' and complex wine exhibiting concentrated flavours of berries and spice and softly persistent tannins.

### Rust en Vrede Shiraz 1998

Region: Stellenbosch

R320

This revered estate has a well-established reputation for this variety – with good reason. The 1998 offers aromas of mocha and spice, blackberry and chocolate flavours. Matured in new American oak for 18 months.

### Veenwouden 'Thornhill' Shiraz 2000

Region: Paarl

R290

A blend of 90% shiraz and 10% cabernet sauvignon. Forward, fruit-driven style from young vines in a hot vintage. Matured for a year in French oak

### CWG Vergelegen Auction Reserve Shiraz 1999

Region: Stellenbosch

R390

A member of the Cape Winemakers Guild, and arguably South Africa's top winemaker, André van Rensburg pulls out all the stops in this single vineyard shiraz. A classic and elegant style, dark in colour, with nose showing pepper, spice and ripe red berries. Excellent fruit and wood integration and long finish. Matured for 14 months in equal thirds new French, American and Russian oak.

### Vins d'Orrance Syrah 2002

Region: Stellenbosch

R300

The soul and Gallic flair is abundantly evident in this wine from Cape based French winemaker Christophe Durand. Made from prime Stellenbosch grapes, it is fresh, vibrant, spicy and savoury, with judicious oaking holding the wine together in an altogether pleasing whole.

## Dessert Wines

### Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 1997

Region: Constantia

R540

A five-star wine in John Platter's South African Wine Guide 2003. Muscat de Frontignan is picked late in the season when raisined on the vine, resulting in a rich and luscious wine with fine balancing acidity. Tailored, clean finish with long cinnamon spice flavours. (*Wine Spectator* 92 points)

### Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 1998

Region: Constantia

R420

The re-creation of the legendary sweet wine of Constantia. Made from Muscat de Frontignan which is left to raisin on the vines, it is deep gold in colour with intense aromas of dried apricot, tangerine and muscat. Luscious, concentrated, sweet fruit flavours on the palate are balanced by fine acidity, and followed by a very long, flavourful finish.

## French Wines

### Bordeaux – Haut Medoc

- Château Lafite-Rothschild 1982** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R12,000  
 Dark, dense ruby in colour, with complex aromas of blackcurrants and pencil shavings. Powerful for a Lafite, and remarkably youthful for its age, this wine shows extraordinary richness, purity, and overall symmetry. Astonishing depth of flavour and persistence make this a truly great wine. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*
- Château Lafite-Rothschild 1986** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R6,500  
 A wine of remarkable richness and harmony, with medium body, refined texture, and superb length. The aromas of cedarwood and chestnuts, with minerality and rich fruit on the palate is a hallmark of this wine. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*
- Château Lafite-Rothschild 1995** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R6,000  
 Only one-third of the harvest made it into this final blend of 75% cabernet sauvignon, 17% merlot, and 8% cabernet franc. It exhibits a dark ruby colour, and a sweet, smoky, blackcurrant nose. Purity of fruit and a balanced, tightly-knit structure make this a beautiful wine which is beginning to be drinkable now. *(Robert Parker 95 points)*
- Château Lynch-Bages 1985** Pauillac 5ème Cru Classé R4,000  
 The 1985 is medium to full-bodied, attractively silky, with abundant herb-tinged cassis fruit. It is beginning to display a few signs that it is at its peak of maturity. A beautiful, elegant Lynch Bages. *(Robert Parker 95 points)*
- Château Lynch-Bages 1990** Pauillac 5ème Cru Classé R3,000  
 A big, sweet, plum and blackcurrant bouquet with roasted herbs. Enjoyable and accessible, this concentrated, velvet-textured wine offers sumptuous drinking. Drinking well now, but will evolve further. *(Robert Parker 95 points)*
- Château Mouton-Rothschild 1995** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R5,500  
 A blend of 72% cabernet sauvignon, 9% cabernet franc, and 19% merlot, this wine reveals an opaque ruby-red colour, aromas of blackcurrants, mocha, liquorice, and spices. On the palate, the wine has superb density, full body, and a layered, profoundly complex finish. *(Robert Parker 95+ points)*
- Château Mouton-Rothschild 1997** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R4,000  
 A blend of 82% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot, 3% cabernet franc, and 2% petit verdot, the wine shows a dense ruby colour, and aromas of cedarwood, cassis, and mocha. Fleshy, ripe, and mouth-filling, with soft tannins, and superb concentration and length, this delicious Pauillac is now approaching drinkability. *(Robert Parker 90 points)*
- Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse-de-Lalande 1989** Pauillac 2ème Cru Classé R3,300  
 A beautifully made ruby-coloured wine from an excellent vintage with aromas of rich cassis fruit, herbs, and vanilla. Lush and well-rounded, it possesses a fine texture and layers of rich fruit on the palate. *(Robert Parker 93 points)*
- Château Pichon-Longueville-Baron de Longueville 1989** Pauillac 2ème Cru Classé R2,600  
 Pichon-Baron (the smaller of the two Pichon vineyards) has some of the best soils in Pauillac, producing deeply coloured and concentrated wines from predominantly cabernet sauvignon. The excellent, warm 1989 vintage enhances this intensity, producing a full-bodied wine with the cassis character typical of Pauillac. An austere wine, it is only beginning to soften now. *(Robert Parker 95+ points)*
- Château Rauzan-Ségla 1983** Margaux 2ème Cru Classé R1,700  
 Fully mature, this seductively rich wine offers aromas of herbs and flowers, dark fruits and wood smoke. Generous and rounded with a velvety texture and real opulence, this concentrated, richly layered and intense wine reveals no hard edges.

## French Wines - Bordeaux – Haut Medoc cont.

**Château Rauzan-Ségla 1994** Margaux 2ème Cru Classé R800  
The extracted dark purple colour is accompanied by sweet, earthy, herb, and blackcurrant aromas. The wine is dominated by its tannin and structure. There is good weight, medium body, and plenty of ripe, sweet fruit.

**Château Rauzan-Ségla 1995** Margaux 2ème Cru Classé R1,500  
The ruby colour is followed by aromas of sweet blackcurrant fruit, cedarwood, liquorice, and toasty oak. Dense and full-bodied, with a powerful finish, this wine shows immense concentration, promising great longevity.

**Château Latour 1982** Pauillac 1er Cru Classé R12,000  
This dense, opaque garnet-coloured 1982 Latour reveals slight amber at the edge. Sweet, smoky, roasted aromas combine with rich, ripe blackcurrant, cherry, and mulberry fruit on the palate. It possesses tremendous concentration and density, with an extraordinarily persistent finish. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*

**Château Léoville-Las-Cases 1982** St Julien 2ème Cru Classé R3,500  
Perhaps the finest Léoville-Las-Cases ever made. It reveals huge power, yet extraordinary elegance and balance. This dense damson-coloured 1982 is still remarkably youthful for its age, showing remarkable complexity and intense aromas. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*

## Bordeaux – Graves (Pessac-Leognan)

**Château Haut-Brion 1989** 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Classé R9,000  
Significantly concentrated, with a huge perfume, this is a monumental wine. Deep ruby, with a roasted tobacco, cassis, smoky aroma, the 1989 has enormous depth, an opulent texture and a lavish, multi-layered feel. Charged with fruit and tannin, it seems destined to drink sublimely for the next 20-30 years. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*

**Château Haut-Brion 1986** 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Classé R3,000  
This warm vintage provided the largest crop since World War II, yielding wines of intensity and power. A smoky, tobacco and blackcurrant-scented nose leads to a ripe, full-bodied mouthful of ripe, layered fruit and soft tannins. *(Robert Parker 94 points)*

**Château Haut-Brion 1995** 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Classé R5,000  
An accessible wine showing a deep ruby colour, and wonderful aromas of dark fruits, vanilla, spices, and wood smoke. Rich layers of ripe fruit, and beautifully integrated tannin and acidity, make this graceful wine a seamless, exceptional Haut-Brion. *(Robert Parker 96 points)*

**Château Haut-Brion 1998** 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Classé R7,000  
The depth and complexity of aromas, and richly layered and textured flavours, will keep unfolding in this stunningly delicious, full bodied wine. Still youthful in 2004, the tannins are ripe enough to be able to enjoy this wine now with rich meat dishes. *(Robert Parker 96+ points)*

## Bordeaux – Pomerol

**Château Pétrus 1998** R20,000  
This great property is celebrated for the opulent richness of its wines. Predominantly Merlot with a splash of Cabernet Franc, Pétrus is intrinsically soft and supple. This vintage boasts a wine of intense colour and concentration, producing a wholly satisfying and deeply luscious wine. *(Robert Parker 100 points)*

**Château L'Évangile 1998** R3,000  
A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc aged in 45% new oak, this wine shows concentrated blackberry and raspberry fruit. Aromas of toffee, licorice, and truffles add to the complexity. The wine is full-bodied, with superb purity as well as moderate tannin in the finish. *(Robert Parker 95+ points)*

## Bordeaux – St-Émilion

### **Château Cheval Blanc 1995** 1<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé

R4,000

The leading château in St-Émilion for the astonishing richness and exceptional quality of its wines. The 1995 vintage saw less cabernet franc and more merlot in this 50:50 blend, with the franc bestowing its customary sweetness of fruit and aromatic complexity. Intense flavours and rich, ripe tannins make it attractive in its youth, and as such is ready to begin drinking now. *(Robert Parker 92 points)*

## Bordeaux – Bourg

### **Château Tayac Prestige 1989**

R500

The 1989 Cuvée Prestige offers a sweet nose of ripe black fruits, leather, and spices, followed by a rich, full-bodied, opulently textured wine bursting with mouthfilling fruit.

### **Château Tayac Prestige 1995**

R800

1995 produced wines of rich concentration, apparent in this densely coloured and flavoured example packed with ripe black plum and spices, with some leathery notes. Delicious, forward and opulent.

## Burgundy

### **Richebourg 1998 Domaine de la Romanée Conti**

R6,000

Dark ruby in colour, this famous Grand Cru from this esteemed Domaine offers one of Burgundy's most sumptuous red wines. Intensely aromatic, medium to full-bodied, with a velvet-textured palate and sweet fruit, this rich wine shows great complexity and potential for development.

### **Corton Charlemagne 1994 Louis Latour**

R1,350

This Grand Cru is one of the firmest, most full-bodied and structured white burgundies from a good producer in a moderate vintage. Noted for its full, nutty, vanilla-oak aromas and flavours.

## Tawny Port

### **Royal Oporto 10 year Sao Pedro das Aguilas**

Soft and accessible with aromas of prunes, plums, black cherries and blackberries, this garnet-coloured port exhibits moderate weight and balanced sweetness

### **Offley 10 Year Old Port**

Soft and nutty with aromas of chocolate, coffee and cinnamon, this fine old Tawny shows the finesse and smooth silky texture true of its style.

## Grappa

### **Meerlust Cabernet-Merlot Reserve 1998**

Distilled from grape pomace (grappa) by Meerlust's previous winemaker Giorgio dalla Cia whose Italian family have made grappa for generations. Dalla Cia imported this pot still from his family operation in Italy to make this world-class grappa. (43% abv)

### **Carpene Malvolti Grappa**

Distilled in Northern Italy, this fiery grappa is infused with herbs and juniper berries for extra flavour.