

Wine Awards

2009

Top Scores / Trophy / Gold & Silver Medal Summary

South African Awards

John Platter 2010 (unpublished)

5 Star Rating

Tokara Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage 2007

John Platter 2009

Superquaffer of the Year

Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2008 -- Most drinkable, best value for money wine for 2009.

5 Star Rating

Ken Forrester The FMC 2006
Meerlust Pinot Noir 2004
Simonsig Redhill Pinotage 2006
Tokara White 2007

Highly Recommended

Beyerskloof Field Blend 2004
Cederberg Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Diemersdal Reserve Chardonnay 2007
Diemersdal 8 Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Ernie Els 2006
Meerlust Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Meerlust Rubicon 2004
Steenberg Semillon 2008
The Winery of Good Hope Radford Dale Natural Sweet Viognier 2007

Buy Now, Drink Later

Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Epicurean 2005
Kanu KCB 2006
Kanu Kia Ora Noble Late Harvest 2005
Ken Forrester The Gypsy 2005
La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Grenache 2006
Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Rust en Vrede Estate 2005
Saronsberg Seismic 2006
The Winery of Good Hope Vinum Chenin Blanc 2007
Tokara Red 2005
Tokara Zondernaam Noble Late Harvest 2007

ABSA Top Ten Pinotage Competition (August)

Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage 2007

Classic Wine Trophy

Best Sparkling Wine - Trophy

Simonsig Cuvee Royale 2003

Gold Medals – Red Wines

Danie de Wet "Nature in Concert" Pinot Noir 2006
La Motte Pierneef Shiraz/Viognier 2007
Cederberg Shiraz 2006
Saronsberg "Seismic" 2005

Silver Medals – Red Wines

De Grendel Shiraz 2007
Saronsberg Provenance 2006
Tokara Red 2005

Silver Medals – White Wines

Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2008
De Wetshof Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2003
Delaire Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Tokara White 2007

Diners Club Winemaker of the Year 2009 (November)

Coenie Snyman – Rust en Vrede
(Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2007)

Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseur's Award (November)

TBR

Landbouweekblad Woman Winemaker of the Year (July)

N/A

Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show (June)

BEST WOODED CHARDONNAY

Tokara Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2007

BEST RED BLEND - BORDEAUX STYLE

Nick & Forti's Epicentre 2005 (Saronsberg)

BEST WOODED SAUVIGNON BLANC - MUSEUM CLASS

Tokara White 2005

Gold Medal Winner :

Kanu KCB Chenin Blanc 2006 (wooded)

Silver Medal Winners :

80 S Mulderbosch Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2006

85 S Diemersdal Eight Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2008

81 S Zevenwacht 360^o Sauvignon Blanc 2008

85 S Tokara White 2007

Michelangelo International Wine Awards (September)

LAKER & LE ROUX MOST INNOVATIVE WINE TROPHY

Diemersdal Sauvignon Rose 2009

GRAND D'OR WINNERS

La Motte Millennium 2006

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Cederberg V Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Cederberg Bukettraube 2009

Cederberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

De Wetshof Finesse Chardonnay 2008

Diemersdal 8 Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Kanu Keystone 2005

Middelvlei Momberg 2006 & 7

Mulderbosch Shiraz 2005

Niel Joubert Christine Marie Cap Classique 2008

Saronsberg Shiraz 2007

Saronsberg Provenance Rooi 2007

Saronsberg Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Saronsberg Seismic 2006

Simonsig Cuvee Royale 2004

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS continued

Simonsig Mr Borio Shiraz 2005

Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2009

Tokara Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2008

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Cederberg Cederberger 2007

Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2009

Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2009

Danie de Wet Nature in Concert Pinot Noir 2007

Delaire Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Matys Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Sir Lambert Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Niel Joubert Christine Marie Chardonnay 2008

Niel Joubert Christine Marie Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Niel Joubert Merlot 2006

Saronsberg Nick & Forti Epicentre 2006

Saronsberg Nick & Forti Viognier 2008

Simonsig Chardonnay 2008

Tokara Zondernaam Chardonnay 2008

Tokara Red 2005

Peter Schulz Excellence Awards for Port

N/A

South African Airways Wine Awards ***(search for more info)**

South African Airways Chairman Award 2009 – Simonsig

SAA's wine list for 2009 : Simonsig Shiraz 2007 and Simonsig Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2007

SAA ON BOARD WINE LISTING

Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2008

Provenance Shiraz 2006

SAA ON BOARD BUSINESS AND 1ST CLASS WINE LISTING 2010

The Winery of Good Hope Radford Dale Merlot 2006

SA Terroir Wine Awards (July)

TOP CHARDONNAY

(Robertson & Swellendam Districts)

De Wetshof Bateleur Chardonnay 2007

TOP WHITE WINE

(Durbanville & Philadelphia Wards)

De Grendel Winifred 2008

TOP RED WINE

(Durbanville & Philadelphia Wards)

De Grendel Shiraz 2007

TOP RED WINE

(Olifants River Region, Lambertsbaai & Cederberg Wards)

Cederberg Shiraz 2007

SA Young Wine Awards (August)

SA Champion Trophy for Vintage Pinotage

Beyerskloof Lagare Port

Swiss International Air Lines Wine Awards ***(search for info)**

Veritas (October)

DOUBLE GOLD

De Wetshof NLH 1991
Engelbrecht Els Proprietor's Blend 2007
Ernie Els Limited Release 2005
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Guardian Peak Merlot 2008
Saronsberg Shiraz 2007

GOLD

Beyerskloof Synergy 2006
De Grendel Merlot 2007
De Grendel Shiraz 2008
De Wetshof Chardonnay D'Honneur 2003
Ernie Els Cirrus Syrah 2007
Kanu KCB Chenin Blanc 2006
Niel Joubert Christine Marie Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Saronsberg Nick & Forti's Viognier 2008
Saronsberg Provenance Shiraz 2007
Simonsig Cuvee Royale Blanc de Blancs 2004
Simonsig Redhill Pinotage 2007
Simonsig Tiara 1998
Tokara Zondernaam Chenin Blanc 2008

SILVER

Beyerskloof Diesel Pinotage 2007
Beyerskloof Field Bend 2004
Beyerskloof Pinotage Reserve 2006
Beyerskloof Synergy 2006
Cederberg Bukettraube 2009
Cederberg Cederberger 2007
Cederberg Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Cederberg Shiraz 2007
Cederberg V Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Danie de Wet Limestone Chardonnay 2004
Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2009
De Grendel Koetshuis Sauvignon Blanc 2009
De Grendel Winifred 2008
De Wetshof Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2004
De Wetshof Chardonnay D'Honneur 2008
De Wetshof Finesse Chardonnay 2008
De Wetshof Mine D'Or Rhine Riesling 2005
De Wetshof Sauvignon blanc 2009
Delaire Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Diemersdal 8 Rows Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Diemersdal Matys Red 2008
Ernie Els Big Easy 2007
Guardian Peak Shiraz 2008
Kanu Keystone 2005
La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Grenache 2007
La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Viognier 2007
Leopard's Leap Merlot 2007
Rust en Vrede 1694 2007
Rust en Vrede Estate 2006
Rust en Vrede Merlot 2008
Rust en Vrede Shiraz 2006
Rust en Vrede Syrah 2007
Saronsberg Provenance Shiraz 2006
Saronsberg Seismic 2006
Saronsberg Shiraz 2006
Simonsig Chardonnay 2008
Simonsig Chenin avec Chêne 2008
Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2009
Simonsig Frans Malan 2006
Simonsig Frans Malan 2007
Simonsig Gewürztraminer 2009
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut (1.5ltr) 2005
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut 2006

SILVER continued

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut 2007
Simonsig Labyrinth Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Simonsig Merindol Syrah 2006
Simonsig Merindol Syrah 2007
Simonsig Tiara 2005
Simonsig Tiara 2006
Tokara Chardonnay 2007
Tokara Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Tokara Pinotage 2007
Tokara Red 2005
Tokara White 2007
Tokara Zondernaam Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Tokara Zondernaam Chardonnay 2008
Tokara Zondernaam Shiraz 2006
Tokara Zondernaam Shiraz 2007
Zevenwacht Bouquet Blanc 2008
Zevenwacht Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Zevenwacht Merlot 2006
Zevenwacht Pinotage 2006
Zevenwacht Sauvignon Blanc 2009

BRONZE

Beyerskloof Pinotage Reserve 2007
Beyerskloof Synergy 2005
Cederberg Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Cederberg Chenin Blanc 2009
Cederberg V Generations Chenin Blanc 2008
Danie De Wet Bateleur Chardonnay 2007
Danie de Wet Chardonnay Sur Lie 2008
Danie de Wet Sauvignon Blanc 2009
David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (*)
De Grendel Pinotage 2006
De Grendel Rubaiyat 2006
De Grendel Sauvignon Blanc 2009
De Wetshof Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2008
De Wetshof Rhine Riesling 2009
Delaire Red 2006
Diemersdal Matys Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Diemersdal Pinotage 2007
Diemersdal Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Diemersdal Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Guardian Peak SMG 2007
Kanu Chenin Blanc 2008
Kanu Shiraz 2005
La Motte Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
La Motte Millennium 2007
La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Leopard's Leap Chardonnay Viognier 2009
Leopard's Leap Family Collection SMV 2006
Leopard's Leap Shiraz 2007
Niel Joubert Christine Marie Shiraz 2006
Niel Joubert Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Saronsberg Full Circle 2007
Saronsberg Full Circle Shiraz 2006
Saronsberg Nick & Forti's Epicentre 2006
Saronsberg Provenance Rooi 2007
Saronsberg Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Simonsig Adelblanc 2009
Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2008
Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rosé 2007
Simonsig Sugarbird Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Simonsig Tiara 2007
Simonsig Vin de Liza NLH 2008
Tokara Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Tokara Zondernaam Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Zevenwacht Shiraz 2006

Wine Magazine Amorim Cork Cap Classique Challenge

(full results published in the October edition of Wine)

Best Overall, Best Vintage, 1st out of Top 10 & 4½ star rating

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2005

2nd Place in Top 10 & 4 stars

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2005 (1.5ltr)

3½ stars

Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2006

Steenberg 1682 Brut Pinot Noir 2006

Wine Magazine Value Awards (October/November)

The Value Awards are the culmination of an annual competition that focuses on South African wines selling below a stipulated price ceiling and in which submissions are judged on the basis of quality relative to price, with assessments of the best value-for-money wines published in WINE magazine's *Best Value Wine Guide*.

N/A

Wine Magazine & Nedbank Organic Wine Awards (November)

N/A

Wine Magazine Chenin Blanc Challenge (November)

N/A

Wine Magazine TOPS at Spar Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc Challenge (October)

5 stars

Delaire Sauvignon Blanc 2009

4½ stars

De Grendel Koetshuis Sauvignon Blanc 2009

4 stars

Ken Forrester Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Sir Lambert Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diemersdal Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Cederberg Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Tokara Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Diemersdal MM Louw Sauvignon Blanc 2009

David Nieuwoudt (Cederberg) Sauvignon Blanc 2009

3½ stars

Diemersdal Matys Sauvignon Blanc 2009

De Wetshof Sauvignon Blanc 2009

3 stars

Diemersdal Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Simonsig Sunbird Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Tokara Zondernaam Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Zevenwacht Sauvignon Blanc 2009

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Zevenwacht 360° Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Wine Magazine Shiraz Challenge (July)

4½ stars, Top Shiraz, Best Value

Diemersdal Shiraz 2007

Wine Magazine Bordeaux Blend Challenge (August)

5 stars

Diemersdal Private Collection 2006

Investec Private Bank Winemaker's Choice (September)

2009 Trophy White & Diamond Award Winning White Wine

De Grendel Koetshuis Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Diamond Award Winning White Wine (Cap Classique)

Simonsig Cuvee Royale 2004

Diamond Award Winning Red Wine

Saronsberg Shiraz 2007

RMB WineX JHB 2009 (October)

RMB WineX 2009 Talk Radio 702 2009 Best Wines on Show

(*) – also voted in the Top 10 White/Red wines at RMB Winex Cape Town (September 2009)

VOTED IN THE TOP 10 WHITE WINES

Haute Cabriere Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2009

Ken Forrester The FMC 2008 (*)

Rupert & Rothschild Baroness Nadine Chardonnay 2007

VOTED IN THE TOP 10 RED WINES

Meerlust Rubicon 2005 (*)

Rupert & Rothschild Baron Edmond 2005 (*)

International Awards

Chardonnay du Monde – Chardonnay of the World (March)

Gold Medal:
La Motte Chardonnay 2007

Silver Medals:
De Wetshof D'Honneur Chardonnay 2005
Simonsig Chardonnay 2007
Danie de Wet Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2008

Monde Selection Awards (March)

N/A

Wine Masters Challenge (March)

N/A

Syrah du Monde (May)

Gold Medal:
Rust en Vrede Syrah 2006

Silver Medals:
Cirrus Syrah 2006
Simonsig Merindol Syrah 2005

Concours Mondial De Bruxelles (April)

Gold Medals:
Beyerskloof Field Blend 2004
Engelbrecht Els 2007
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Rust en Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Silver Medals:
Beyerskloof Pinotage 2007
Beyerskloof Pinotage Reserve 2006
Beyerskloof Synergy Cape Blend 2006

Silver Medals continued:
Cederberg Shiraz 2007
Cirrus Syrah 2006
Guardian Peak SMG 2007
La Motte Chardonnay 2007
La Motte Millennium 2006
La Motte Shiraz 2007
Rust en Vrede Estate 2006
Rust en Vrede Shiraz 2006

Challenge International du Vin (April)

Gold Medal:
De Wetshof Chardonnay D'Honneur 2005

Silver Medal:
La Motte Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Decanter World Wine Awards (May)

Trophy
Cederberg Private Cellar Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Cederberg Private Cellar Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Gold Medals:
Beyerskloof Synergy 2005
Cederberg Shiraz 2007
Ernie Els 2005
La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Viognier 2007
Rust en Vrede Estate 2006
Saronsberg Full Circle 2006
Tokara Walker Bay Chardonnay 2007
Zondernaam Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Silver Medals:
Beyerskloof Pinotage Reserve 2007
De Wetshof Chardonnay D'Honneur 2004
Diemersdal Pinotage 2007
Cirrus Syrah 2006
Engelbrecht Els 2007
Meinert Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Meinert Synchronicity 2005
Tokara Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2006
Tokara Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Tokara Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007
Tokara White 2007
Zondernaam Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

International Wine Challenge (May)

Gold Medals:
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Engelbrecht Els 2007
Tokara Red 2005

Silver Medals:
Beyerskloof Synergy 2006
Cirrus Syrah 2006
Diemersdal Shiraz 2007

Silver Medals continued:
Delaire 2008
Ken Forrester Chenin Blanc 2008
Rust en Vrede Estate 2006
Rust en Vrede Shiraz 2006
Tokara Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2006
Tokara White 2007
Zondernaam Sauvignon Blanc 2008

International Wine Challenge UK (August)

Best International Red Wine
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Best International Cabernet Sauvignon
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Best Red Wine for South Africa
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Best Red Wine for Stellenbosch
Guardian Peak Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Planet Earth Award, Best Sustainable Producer
Ernie Els Vineyards

International Wine and Spirit Competition Hong Kong (October/November)

TBR

Rendez - Vous du Chenin (Loire Valley France)

The Rendez-Vous du Chenin is an annual event organised by the Union des Oenologues de France. It brings together Chenin Blanc wines from all over the world with the aim to improve the profile of and promote the wines from Chenin. It takes a refreshingly eclectic approach to tasting the wines in taking no particular consideration of the appellations of the wines. The overall aim is to "discover and give recognition to the most beautiful expressions of this noble varietal and its great potential, not forgetting its aptitude to express terroir".

TBR

Tri Nations Wine Challenge (September/October)

Gold Medals

Kanu KCB Chenin Blanc 2006
Anthonij Rupert Cabernet Franc 2005

Mundus Vini International Wine Awards (September)

Gold Medal

La Motte Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Silver Medals

La Motte Pierneef Shiraz Viognier 2007
Zevenwacht Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Middelvlei Momberg 2007

Wine Spectator - Results for 2009

Wine Spectator got its start in 1976 as a tabloid newspaper, with an initial circulation of less than 5,000. Today, Wine Spectator Magazine is the most widely-read wine magazine in the world, reaching more than 2.58 million readers, 52 percent of which are women, 48 percent men! Wine Spectator attracts an affluent readership, with the median age being 47. Wine Spectator Online, launched in October 1996, is the most influential source of wine information on the Internet and features more than 215,000 wine ratings, tasting reports, news and features, editors' blogs, videos and other original content you won't find anywhere else.

Wine Spectator's 100 point rating system

* 95-100 Classic: a great wine

* 90-94 Outstanding: a wine of superior character and style

* 85-89 Very good: a wine with special qualities

* 80-84 Good: a solid, well-made wine

* 75-79 Mediocre: a drinkable wine that may have minor flaws

* 50-74 Not recommended

Cederberg

Bukettraube 2008 (86)
Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 (89)
Chenin Blanc 2008 (84)
Sauvignon Blanc 2008 (88)

Ernie Els

Cirrus Syrah 2005 (91)
Cirrus Syrah 2006 (92)
Proprietor's Blend 2006 (92)
Proprietor's Blend 2005 (90)
Ernie Els 2005 (94)

De Grendel

Sauvignon Blanc 2008 (88)

De Wetshof

Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2007 (87)

Guardian Peak

Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 (91)
Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (91)
Frontier 2007 (87)
Frontier 2006 (88)
SMG 2007 (89)
SMG 2006 (89)
Merlot 2007 (86)
Merlot 2006 (86)
Shiraz 2007 (88)
Shiraz 2006 (86)

Ken Forrester

Petit Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2006 (83)
The FMC 2007 (93)
T Noble Late Harvest 2006 (92)
Sauvignon Blanc 2008 (88)
Shiraz-Grenache 2005 (88)
The Gypsy 2005 (91)

Kanu

Chenin Blanc 2007 (87)
Wooded Chenin Blanc 2006 (84)
Kia Ora Noble Late Harvest 2005 (90)
Shiraz 2004 (88)

Meerlust

Chardonnay 2007 (89)
Merlot 2005 (88)
Pinot Noir 2004 (88)
Rubicon 2004 (90)

Meinert

Devon Crest 2004 (89)
Merlot 2005 (90)
Merlot 2004 (86)
Synchronicity 2005 (90)

Mulderbosch

Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé 2008 (84)
Chardonnay 2005 (90)
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2006 (91)
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2005 (91)
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2004 (90)
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2003 (90)
Faithful Hound 2005 (90)
Sauvignon Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2006 (92)

Anthonij Rupert

Cabernet Franc 2005 (93)
Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (92)
Merlot 2005 (91)
Syrah 2005 (91)
Nemesia 2006 (90)
Serruria 2006 (88)
L'Ormarins Chardonnay 2007 (88)

Rust en Vrede

1694 2006 (93)
Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (90)
Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (91)
Merlot 2007 (88)

Simonsig

Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rosé 2007 (84)
Pinotage 2004 (87)
Redhill Pinotage 2005 (86)
Sunbird Sauvignon Blanc 2007 (88)

The Winery of Good Hope

Black Rock Red 2006 (88)
Black Rock White 2007 (89)
Vinum Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 (84)
The Winery of Good Hope Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2007 (82)
The Winery of Good Hope Chardonnay 2008 (84)
The Winery of Good Hope Chenin Blanc 2008 (87)
Radford Dale Chardonnay 2007 (87)
Radford Dale Pinot Noir 2007 (88)
Radford Dale Shiraz 2006 (88)
Radford Dale Shiraz Merlot 2006 (84)
Radford Dale Shiraz Viognier 2006 (87)
Radford Dale Viognier 2007 (85)

OTHER –

Matthew's Top 50 South African Wines 2009

MATTHEW JUKES has won the International Wine and Spirit Competition's Trophy for Communicator of the Year. Matthew has been wine correspondent for The Daily Mail and is read by over 9 million readers every week. He has judged widely in Australia and New Zealand and has moderated conferences including the prestigious biennial Australian Wine Marketing Conference and the Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir Celebration.

He is wine buyer for Bibendum restaurant in London, and wine consultant to London-based Indian restaurants Amaya, Chutney Mary, and Veeraswamy. Matthew is the founder and buying director for Quitessentially Wine, the world's foremost exclusive private members wine club. He spent three years on the BBC with his weekly wine show. He has written seven bestselling UK wine guides and his Australia market wine guide written with Australian Wine journalist Tyson Stelzer is now in its third year.

Ken Forrester The FMC, Stellenbosch, 2007

"With masses of over the top fruit and a veritable tidal wave of waxy honey and lemon curd this is a flamboyant wine for flamboyant wine lovers everywhere."

Tokara White, Stellenbosch, 2007

"Tokara's finest wine to date is this devastating Sauv / Sem. World class poise and intricate build. An haut couture creation."

Black Rock White Blend, Winery of Good Hope, Perdeberg Swartland, 2007

"Chenin, Chardonnay and Viognier rarely have the chance to cavort together, but when they are as stunningly entwined as they are in this wine it is a wonder that so few winemakers try it. Alex Dale seasons this union with a touch of oak, too, making it utterly irresistible."

Radford Dale Viognier, Winery of Good Hope, Stellenbosch, 2007

"This Viognier is another exercise in restraint and then release. The nose crowds your senses gleefully and then the straight-jacketed palate clams are all down, only for the finish to rush, giddy and screaming down your cakehole. It is so much fun and so lovely to see Viognier enjoying itself for once."

Delaire Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, 2007

"Sensual, floral fruit, macadamia nut and orchard blossom make this an incredibly clever Chardonnay from the ever-impressive Chris Kelly."

Rust en Vrede Estate, Stellenbosch, 2004

"With 30% Shiraz sneaking into this Cabernet/Merlot the complexity and bravado quotients is at an all time high here. One word - sensational."

Ken Forrester T Noble Late Harvest, Stellenbosch, 2007

"It has so much class and breeding that it never once breaks into full on sweetie mode, preferring to hint and tempt with flashes of honey and tropical fruit and then moments of crunchy nut and brittle toffee - rapture!"

Waitrose Headquarter, Bracknell, Berkshire, UK

On Friday 8 May 2009 David Nieuwoudt – owner and winemaker of Cederberg Wines – attended the wine supplier conference at Waitrose's head office at the Odney Club where he was delighted to receive a Supplier of the Year for Innovative Farming award presented by Richard Hodgson, commercial director of Waitrose.

For a few years now, Cederberg Wines has been supplying two wines to Waitrose, namely a Sustainable Chenin Blanc and a Sustainable Shiraz. In 2008 the Cederberg Sustainable Chenin Blanc 2008 won a Decanter national trophy.

In 2008 the farm became part of the Waitrose Foundation – an organisation that aims to hand back a percentage of the profit of certain of the produce that they sell to the workers living on the farm to support the community. These projects are strictly monitored and regularly audited according to international standards.

The Weekender

The following appeared in an article by Michael Fridjhon which appeared in the Weekender (Business Day) last weekend 3rd May 2009

South African white wines – expect the unexpected

"For those who like really fragrant off-dry whites, the Zevenwacht Bouquet Blanc 2008 – a combination of Riesling and Gewurztraminer is really splendid (and at just over R30 a bottle must be one of the best value white wines in the market)".