

food

ARIEL

starters

carpaccio

fillet, tonatto, capers, onion, parmesan, rocket, balsamic

arancini

risotto, peas, tomato, mozzarella, basil emulsion

frito misto

tempura calamari, prawns, fish, zucchini, broccolini, napoletana

meatball sliders

tomato, provolone, salsa verde, rocket, focaccia

trio of bruschetta

tomato, prawn, mushroom

anti pasto	<p>parma ham</p> <p>salame picante</p> <p>provolone</p> <p>fior di latte</p> <p>gigi's peppers</p> <p>italian olives</p> <p>artichokes</p> <p>focaccia</p>
	<p><i>pick from any of the above to create a custom plate</i></p>

salads

marinated tomato salad

red onion, garlic, capers, lemon, basil vinaigrette

burrata

heirloom tomatoes, basil, pesto, shaved onion, evo, lemon vinaigrette

caprese

tomato, basil, mozzarella, evo

rocket & parmesan

balsamic, evo, red onion, pine nuts, maldon

ariel

lettuce, red onion, avo, cherry tomato, peppers, focaccia croutes, parmesan

pasta

beef bolognese

conchiglie, tomato, parmesan, parsley

lamb ragu

gnocchi, tomato, cream, red wine, parmesan

portofino

linguine, chilli, garlic, cherry tomato, rocket, pine nuts, evo (prawn - 85.00)

marsala

linguine, portobello mushrooms, cream, white wine, garlic, onion, thyme, parmesan (chicken - 45.00)

gorgonzola

gnocchi, basil pesto, cream, parmesan

puttanesca

spaghetti, tomato, anchovies, capers, olives, basil

italian sausage

rigatoni, tomato, garlic, red onion, fennel, chilli, parmesan

meatballs

spaghetti, tomato, garlic, basil, parmesan

alla vodka

linguine, tomato, pancetta, cream, vodka (chicken cutlet - 45.00)

spinach & ricotta

ravioli, tomato, garlic, basil, evo, parmesan

pizza

garlic

evo, sea salt, italian herbs

margherita

tomato, mozzarella, basil, evo

parma ham

tomato, garlic, rocket, parmesan, evo, balsamic

fhungi

tomato, wild mushroom, mozzarella, truffle, garlic, thyme, basil

siciliana

tomato, mozzarella, olives, garlic, anchovies, basil

diavola

tomato, salame, mozzarella, peppers, onion, garlic, chilli

pulled lamb

tomato, caramelised onion, provolone, chilli, confit garlic, spring onion, herb yogurt

ortolana

tomato, charred eggplant, zucchini, caramelised onion, gorgonzola, spring onion, provolone

burrata

tomato, chilli, basil, marinated peppers



mains

burger

meatball patty, napoletana sauce, provolone, rocket, basil mayo, crispy parmesan potatoes

chicken

caper sage butter, parmesan mash, rocket, lemon

fillet

italian butter, rocket parmesan salad, crispy parmesan potatoes

parmigiana

chicken cutlet, tomato, mozzarella, basil, spaghetti napoletana

fish

charred broccolini, crispy parmesan potatoes, dressed greens

sides

chicken cutlet

crispy parmesan potatoes

charred broccolini

desserts

ariel cremino

hazelnut chocolate, amaretti, salted caramel ice cream, italian meringue

berries & cream

macerated berries, cream, lemon, praline dust

tiramisu

finger biscuits, mascarpone, espresso

ny baked cheesecake

biscuit, vanilla, cream cheese, macerated berries

cocktails





ariel signatures

caipirinha

da tulha, lime, sugar

basil smash

bombay sapphire, lemon, raspberry, basil

watermelon tonic

bombay sapphire, watermelon, mint, tonic

cloudy apple

bombay sapphire, apple, lime, elderflower,
mint, cucumber

goose & juice

grey goose, lemon, cranberry, rooibos

whisky

dewars 12, aperol, lemon, pineapple, rooibos

gin

bombay sapphire, passoa, lemon, passionfruit,
grapefruit

prosecco

martini prosecco, aperol, grapefruit, elderflower

brandy

kwv, wooded chard, pineapple, lemon

classics

porn star

grey goose, passoa, passionfruit, vanilla, lime,
martini prosecco

negroni

malfy gin, martini rosso, campari

old fashioned

dewars 12yr, sugar, bitters

paloma

patron silver, grapefruit, lime, soda

ny sours

dewars 12yr, lemon, wine reduction

margarita

patron silver, lime, cointreau

espresso martini

grey goose, rosetta espresso, patron xo, vanilla

wine



intro to our wine.

every culinary adventure involves the weaving together of culture, ingredients, and human mastery. we've divided this wine list into four categories, each of which express these collaborations in different ways.



from the motherland

there is the old adage that says "foods that grow together go together". it was for this reason our wine list has been built around italian wines, from italian-grown vines, produced by italian craft. in many senses, all the other wines on this list riff off the core bottlings in this section of the list.



alien grace

south african winemakers have long remarked on the similarities between the cape winelands' climate and the delightfully temperate mediterranean weather patterns experienced by some of italy's more famous wine regions. the more pioneering souls within the south african wine community went one step beyond mere talk; they imported italian cultivars and rooted them in south african terroir. these wines tell those stories.



finding new roots

more than 80% of the world's grape vines don't grow on their own roots. these vines must have their own roots cut off, and then have their stems grafted onto foreign rootstock, before they can safely be planted (all thanks to a deadly soil-dwelling parasite called phylloxera). sometimes humans go through that same process.

the wines in this section reflect the choices made by italian families, who have chosen to put down roots in south africa, and added their italian flair to the winemaking scene by working with cultivars that are perhaps more familiar to the south african wine lover.



no place like home

sometimes you just want something familiar and refreshing. these wines are chosen as either being south african stalwarts, or iconic south african producers who are celebrated worldwide.

whites



Fairview Chenin Blanc 2019

a fresh, light easy-going unoaked chenin with notes of pineapple, peach fruit, and citrus.



Terra del Capo Pinot Grigio

an unoaked pinot grigio made in the no-mess, no-fuss, veneto style. a gentle mix of citrus, elderflower, stone fruit, and fresh melon.



Heritage Idiom Bianco di Stellenbosch 2019

an uncomplicated helderberg expression of the world-famous cultivar. aromas of orange blossom complicate gentle passionfruit and apricot notes on the palate.



Arcangeli Vesta Semillon 2017

semillon is having a bit of a moment right now, and this award-winning example is amongst the more fascinating bottlings. superbly concentrated citrus fruit, complicated by lemongrass, marmalade notes, saline, and capsicum.

components of this wine are fermented on skins, giving it a slightly waxy lift.



Cape Point Vineyards Noordhoek Sauvignon Blanc 2019

this award-winning savvy bee is tank-fermented, blended with a small component of barrel-fermented juice. it's a delightfully fresh example, with white grapefruit, floral notes, fynbos and salty sea spray elements.



Famiglia Pasqua Romeo & Juliette "Passione et Sentimento" Bianco 2015

this 100% garganega from veneto igt is tank-fermented, and then barrel-matured.

the juice also spends 12 hours on skins prior to fermentation. the end result is a richly layered wine, featuring notes of mandarin, peach, lime and passion fruit, with complications of petroleum, beeswax and white flowers.



Bouchard Finlayson Crocodile's Lair / Kaaimansgat Chardonnay 2018

this award-winning, cool-climate hemel-en-aarde barrel-fermented chardonnay is supremely layered, with notes of lemon curd, lime marmalade, peach fruit, yeasty lees elements and a hint of oak.



Ayama Vermentino 2018

made in the sardinian style, this platter 5-star wine uses fruit from the voor-paardeberg, and features the unusual process of being transferred from tank to barrel half way through fermentation.

the wine is richly textured, and carries notes of grapefruit, lime, peaches, and pear fruit.

Colosi Salina Bianca 2018

sicilian wines are enjoying a little moment in the sun right now, and with this abundantly layered white blend of catarratto bianco & insolia, it's easy to see why.

aromas include waxy and chalky elements, with white peach fruit and saline. palate carries more stone fruit, citrus and tropical elements.

La Tunello Sauvignon 2019

lovers of south african sauvignon blanc owe it to themselves to experience an italian counterpart. this explosively aromatic white wine shows guava, passion fruit, and pineapple, with vivid floral complications.

Stellenrust Barrel 54 Barrel-Fermented Chenin Blanc 2018

an exquisite wooded white produced from 54-year-old chenin vines in the bottlery hills of stellenbosch.

the wine is delightfully rich, with layers of ripe citrus and stone fruit, wrapped up in a slick waxy mouthfeel that only 50-year-old vines can deliver.

Leeu Passant Chardonnay 2018

produced by the world famous power couple andrea & chris mullineux, this wooded chardonnay is both concentrated and layered. peach fruit, fresh pear, oatmeal, and hints of smoked walnut combine to form one of south africa's most renowned chardonnays.

rosé

Elgin Vintners Belle Amie Rosé 2020

this spontaneously fermented merlot-based rosé is produced in the cool, cloud haven that is the elgin valley. the palate carries impressive weight and leesy texture, with turkish delight, & floral elements on the nose, followed by cherry fruit and strawberries on the palate.

Morgenster Italian Collection Caruso Rosé 2020

a 100% sangiovese rosé grown in helderberg terroir. this wine manages to express both the approachable cherry and strawberry elements one might hope for from a rosé, while also showing a hint of the savoury and herbal elements associated with the sangiovese cultivar.

Fantini Calalenta Terre Siciliana Rosato 2018

another one of the sicilian cool kids. this blend is made up of nerello mascalese, cabernet sauvignon, and merlot, and offers layers of watermelon, strawberries, and tart pink grapefruit elements.

reds



Spice Route Pinotage 2018

a spicy, fruit-forward black cherry and berries affair with oaky vanilla on the tail. fermented in large concrete tanks, and matured in american oak, this swartland red has an air of rioja about it.



Terra del Capo sangiovese 2018

an easy introduction to the italian cultivar. a medium-light palate with red cherry fruit, hints of pepper and fresh herbs. youthful tannins present on the finish.



Idiom Heritage Rosso di Stellebosch 2018

this delightfully easy drinking sangiovese-led blend from the helderberg carries just a touch of barbera to add a richness to the colour, as well as some sweeter black fruit notes to accompany sangiovese's fresh cherry fruit.



Arcangeli Syrah / Mourvedre 2016

a medium-bodied cellar-aged rhone-style blend, produced on the italian-owned arcangeli estate. plums & blackberry notes work with elements of white pepper and lavender.



Arcangeli Merlot / Petit Verdot / Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

classic french cultivars, a south african winemaker, and an italian owner. this plush, velvety bordeaux-style blend carries ripe black fruit, oaky vanilla and firm structure on the tail.



Morgenster Nabucco 2013

this 100% nebbiolo from the helderberg region demonstrates the grape's superb aging ability. this 2013 still brims with fresh red cherry fruit and subtle, sweeter cassis notes. but the real attraction is the powerful nose of rose petals, lavender, potting soil & cherries.



Fairview Homtini 2017

made in the spirit of the world-famous "super tuscan" wines, this blend is made up of sangiovese, merlot, cabernet sauvignon and shiraz. It delivers red fruit, black fruit, and mediterranean herbs, and is supported by pleasant hints of oak.



Familia Pasqua Romeo & Juliette "Passione et Sentimento" Rosso

a powerful, but rounded, blend of corvina and merlot delivers a heady mix of tobacco leaf, nutmeg, plums, cocoa, and oak. this wine is produced in appassimento style, which means that the grapes are left to raisin slightly before vinification, intensifying fruit concentration in the final product.

**Morgenster Lourens River Valley Bordeaux Blend 2014**

this old mutual trophy-winning bordeaux blend is a supremely regal mix of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot and cabernet franc. the palate is supremely silky, offering a mix of red and black fruit, with hints of cinnamon and oak-inspired vanilla.

**Arcangeli Romulus Nebbiolo 2016**

there could hardly be a more striking example of old-skool meets nü. this south african nebbiolo from the italian-owned arcangeli estate is completely whole-bunch fermented, and presents as light, fresh, and textured. aromas of orange peel, cherries, sea spray, & fresh herbs mix with red cherry acidity & fine tannins.

**Idiom Primitivo/Zinfandel 2015**

the medium-bodied italian cultivar primitivo (bedgrudgingly) owes its renown more to the california wine scene than it does to italy. idiom's example is probably the most authoritative local bottling. the palate is pure silk, with notes of vanilla, sage, cherries and herbal tea.

**Idiom Sangiovese 2016**

the bottega family produce arguably the most regal example of a straight sangiovese. its incredibly silky palate couches cherry and plum fruit, elevated by oak inspired notes of vanilla, cinnamon, leather and fresh potting soil.

**Talenti Rosso di Montalcino 2017**

a little more generous than the traditional style, this montalcino sangiovese has all the power and fruit usually associated with a new world red. it boasts rich layers of cherries, plums and blackcurrant, with a fascinating crushed gravel complication on the nose.

**Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal 2018**

this cool climate red is a supremely elegant blend of italian cultivars (nebbiolo, sangiovese & barbera) and french cultivars (shiraz, mourvedre & pinot noir). vanguard aromas carry cherries, mushroom, thyme, potting soil & oak. the palate is supremely clean, with mouth-watering cherry notes, alongside citrus rind and savoury mushroom complications.

**Dalla Cia Giorgio Bordeaux Blend 2018**

an unashamedly old school production; this opulent bordeaux blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot & petit verdot is matured in 80% new oak for 18 months. it's an enormously expressive wine, with notes of violets, cherries, blueberries, tobacco leaf and cedar wood.

 **Cederberg Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon 2017**

only a touch over 5000 bottles were made of this critical darling. the cederberg cabernet sauvignon, made by cape winemakers' guild member david nieuwoudt, delivers explosive aromas of dark chocolate, cherry tobacco and ripe cassis, followed by a concentrated palate of cassis, plum and oak.

 **Kanonkop Reserve Pinotage 2018**

this wine may as well join the protea, the blue crane and the springbok as items of national importance. abrie beeslaar's legendary reserve pinotage is both powerful and regal, featuring layers of ripe plum fruit, interwoven with hints of vanilla, and lashings of black cherry.

 **Tokara Director's Reserve 2017**

a regal stalwart within the stellenbosch fold, this wine holds all the power of a new world wine, with all the class of the old. the cabernet-fronted blend carries cassis, black cherries, tobacco, leather and oaky vanilla on the tail. a class act.

bubbles



Graham Beck Brut NV

both nelson mandela and barack ioama chose this bubbly as their celebratory toast of choice after their respective political victories. the blend is more or less a 50/50 mix of pinot noir and chardonnay from robertson & stellenbosch, showing elements of green apple, lime, and lovely leesy texture.



Bacio Della Luna Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore 2018

prosecco has, for some time, been seen as cheap and cheerful bubbly. but valdobbiadene in veneto is one of two towns that produce a more formidable version of drink. dry in style, this prosecco carries notes of green apple, some pear fruit, and a light floral flourish.



Bacio Della Luna Conegliano Valdobbiadene Cartizze 2018

conegliano valdobbiadene docg is the most premium region for prosecco production. within those hallowed grounds, the hill of cartizze is the most prized site for the glera vines that produce the most sought after prosecco. essentially, it's the dogs bollocks on the prizest of pooches.

in the glass, it presents green apple, honey, lemon bonbons, with a few hazelnut references; all spread over a moderately fine mousse.



Bellavista Alma Cuvée Brut Franciacorta NV

unlike prosecco, sparkling wines from franciacorta docg are made in the traditional / champagne method. essentially they are far grander affairs, and serve as italy's answer to champagne. this blend of pinot nero, pinot bianco and chardonnay is a serious bottling with notes of yellow apple, white flowers, and fresh pastries.



Pol Roger Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill NV

one of the world's truly great vintage champagnes, and also a 100-point wine according to wine enthusiast. this rare bottling is 100% pinot noir, and boasts elements of toasted almond, danish butter cookie, crisp tree fruit, and hints of citrus towards the tail.

