

VALDU ¹⁶₉₉ CHARRON

WINE & LEISURE ESTATE

Welcome to Val du Charron, our 45 Ha farm in the historic Bouleia valley!

The farm was initially proclaimed in 1699. In 2006 it was christened Val du Charron by its current owners as a tribute to valley's rich background:

Val du Charron means "Valley of the Wagonmakers" and was the original name of the Wellington valley. The French influence stems from the Huguenots who settled in the area in the early 1700's while the wagonmaking refers to the fact that Wellington was the last town where the pioneers could replenish their ox wagons before heading over the majestic Bainskloof in to the then unknown hinterland.

In 2012, Val du Charron itself became an Estate i.e. all wines under the Val du Charron labels are bottled, produced and come from vines grown on the farm itself; thus giving a pure expression of the terroir to be found on its south facing slopes.

Val du Charron is not only one of the most beautiful farms in the valley but it also has huge natural potential - fantastic aspect, continental climate like Dao, Rioja and the Rhone, rich red soils and a whole bouquet of varieties, 16 to be exact, from Merlot to Touriga Nacional, from thirty year old Chenin blanc to Pinot Gris, Cabernet Sauvignon to Malbec. Why so many different cultivars?

Val du Charron strongly believes in blending! These different varieties have different, yet very, unique qualities and if put together, produces a composition which is more complex, richer, finer, more finessed and more unique than any cultivar on its own.

To quote Fabrice Langlois, winemaker of Chateau Beaucastel: "A blend is much like an orchestra where you have all the various sections ... the crisp woodwinds, the solid brass instruments, the rhythmic percussion and the elegant strings ... on their own they are instruments, but together under the hand of the conductor, a symphony."

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WINE MENU

All wines are grown, crafted and bottled on the Estate. Thus your favourite may not be available all the time and may be subject to vintage change.

RESERVE COLLECTION

	250 ml Carafe	750 ml Bottle
Syrah (Shiraz) Dark crimson with a deep red core, a lively wine with velvety and rich textures and a slight dry smokey finish. Racy and refined with red fruits, sweet spice and peppery nuances. The fruit intensity and silky tannins fill all the holes on the palate.	95	297
Cabernet Sauvignon Distinct berry richness complimented by cassis, cedar, spicy oak, leather and dark chocolate mint aromas. Youthful earthy flavours are rich, delicious and appealing, with a harmonious balance; fairly soft tannins and a long finish.	85	221
Merlot Aromas are black cherries, cherry pit and raspberry, with hints of nutmeg and tobacco, evolving in the glass to nuances of chocolate and mocha. Medium bodied and elegant with velvety tannins on the palate.	85	221
Malbec Intense dark purple with black cherry and eucalyptus to the fore, with elements of fresh mint, fynbos and a touch of sandal wood. The palate shows freshness and youth with juicy fruit, good structure and soft, well integrated tannins.	85	221
Chardonnay Bright straw hue, intense lemon nose, with apple, cashew, earthy, flinty, and buttery aromas with underlying grapefruit and oak flavours. Velvety body, with a crisp and lingering finish. Round and creamy mouthfeel.	50	129
Pinot Gris Brilliant green straw hue, intense grapefruit nose, with lemon, pear, melon and artichoke aromas. With underlying lemon and grapefruit flavours, it's crisp, velvety body has a persistent finish and round mouthfeel.	50	129

THEATRE OF WINE BLENDED COLLECTION

	250 ml Carafe	750 ml Bottle
Black Countess Glorious garnet in colour. An elegant complex wine with cassis, blueberry, blackberry, cherry, and hints of dried herbs, vanilla and cinnamon. Velvety tannins and sweet cranberry and cherry flavours creates a richness resulting in a delicious, elegantly styled wine with a lingering aftertaste where the red fruit aromas dominate and the oak creates the basis for the fruit to express itself.	55	151
Erasmus A basket of ripe plums, black currants and a minty richness complimented by earthy nuances of cloves and pepper.	55	151
Four White legs Pale gold in colour. Floral and perfume aromas with honeysuckle and hints of Granny Smith Apple. A medium bodied dry white wine with a fresh acidity.	40	100
Aphaea White Liquid sunshine in a glass. Sweet spring flowers and fresh, crisp fruit. Medium bodied and enjoyable.	40	100
Aphaea Red A red blend of the finest in reserve grapes, offering a smooth, rich taste profile that features ripe, dense blackberry, with notes of chocolate and rich raspberry and a hint of wild strawberry, for a lush palate experience. A creamy, molten blueberry provides a splendid, lingering aroma, for a harmonious finish.	45	120
Aphaea Silk Rosé Delicate salmon pink colour. Aromas of pear and strawberries, with hints of raspberry and sweetness greet the nose. The aromas carry through the palate. A racy, yet balanced, acidity makes this wine ideal for enjoying well -chilled on a hot summer's day.	40	100

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINE

	Per Glass	750 ml Bottle
Veuve Clicquot		1360
Pongracz Brut MCC	85	235
Pongracz Rosé	90	255
Durbanville Hills Sauvignon Sparkling	70	210

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NO ALCOHOL WILL BE SERVED TO
PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS. DRINK RESPONSIBLY.