

WINE MENU

SINGLE VARIETAL RESERVE COLLECTION

	750ML BOTTLE		750ML BOTTLE
CHENIN BLANC WELLINGTON IS FAMED FOR ITS CHENIN BLANC. OUR OLD BLOCK HAS BEEN DELIVERING TOP QUALITY SINCE THE 80'S. TYPICAL TROPICAL NOTES BALANCED BY FRENCH OAK FOR A LINGERING FINISH.	189	SYRAH (SHIRAZ) BRIGHT RED CHERRY RIM WITH A DEEP RED CORE. A LIVELY WINE WITH A VELVETY AND RICH TEXTURE WITH A VERY SLIGHT DRY AND SPICY FINISH. REFINED, WITH RED FRUITS, SWEET SPICE, AND CARAMEL NUANCES. THE FRUIT INTENSITY AND FULL TANNIN STRUCTURE COMPLETE THIS ROBUST WINE.	399
CHARDONNAY THE QUEEN OF CULTIVARS - 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. WITH A DASH OF WOOD TO ADD THE CORSETRY, THE MOUTHFEEL IS ROUND AND CREAMY.	189	MALBEC INTENSE AND DEEP PURPLE COLOUR WITH BLACK CHERRY, INKY TONES ON THE NOSE. ELEMENTS OF FRESH MINT, FYNBOS AND A TOUCH OF SANDALWOOD. THE PALATE SHOWS FRESHNESS AND YOUTH WITH JUICY FRUIT, GOOD STRUCTURE AND SOFT, WELL INTEGRATED TANNINS.	295
PINOT GRIS REMINISCENT OF AUDREY HEPBURN, REFINED AND CLASSY WITH A BRILLIANT STRAW HUE, INTENSE GRAPEFRUIT NOSE, WITH LEMON, PEAR, MELON AND ARTICHOKE AROMAS THIS WINE IS CRISP, YET HAS A VELVETY BODY, PERSISTENT FINISH AND ROUND MOUTHFEEL.	189	MERLOT RUBY RED, INTENSE COLOUR WITH VANILLA, SOFT SPICE AND COMPLEX HERBACEOUS NOSE WITH BRIGHT PLUM AND RED FRUIT COMBINED WITH SOFT SMOKY FLAVOURS ON THE PALETTE. MEDIUM BODIED AND ELEGANT WITH VELVETY TANNINS ON THE PALATE.	295
ROSÉ A DRY ROSÉ NIPPLE PINK IN COLOUR, DRIVEN BY SWEET TROPICAL NOTES. STRAWBERRIES AND WATERMELON ARE THE MAIN AROMATIC PROLE OF THE WINE. CRISP AND FRESH. FRUIT DRIVEN YET WELL ROUNDED AND SMOOTH. IDEAL FOR ANY OCCASION.	179	CABERNET SAUVIGNON THE PRINCE OF CULTIVARS DISPLAYING DISTINCT BERRY RICHNESS WITH CHOCOLATEY NOTES. RIBENA FOR ADULTS - A HARMONIOUSLY BALANCED WINE WITH FAIRLY SOFT TANINS AND A LONG FINISH.	295

APHAEA

APHAEA WHITE
LIQUID SUNSHINE IN A GLASS. SWEET SPRING FLOWERS AND FRESH, CRISP FRUIT. MEDIUM BODIED AND ENJOYABLE.

APHAEA RED
A RED BLEND OF THE FINEST RESERVE GRAPES, OFFERING A SMOOTH, RICH TASTE PROFILE THAT FEATURES RIPE, DENSE BLACKBERRY AND A HINT OF WILD STRAWBERRY, FOR A LUSH PALATE EXPERIENCE. A CREAMY MOLTEN BLUEBERRY PROVIDES A SPLENDID, LINGERING AROMA, FOR A HARMONIOUS FINISH.

APHAEA SILK ROSÉ
THIS ELEGANT ROSÉ EXHIBITS A DELICATE SALMON PINK COLOUR. AROMAS OF PEAR AND SQUASHED STRAWBERRIES, WITH HINTS OF RASPBERRY AND MUSCAT 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.

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINE

	750ML BOTTLE
VEUVE CLIQUOT - GRILLROOM ONLY	2250
PONGRACZ BRUT MCC - GRILLROOM ONLY	395
PONGRACZ ROSÉ - GRILLROOM ONLY	395
DURBANVILLE HILLS SPARKLING SAUVIGNON	265
DURBANVILLE HILLS SPARKLING ROSÉ	265

THEATRE OF WINE

	750ML BOTTLE		750ML BOTTLE
BLACKCOUNTESS OUR SIGNATURE BLEND BASED ON A STORY OF THE COUNTESS OF STANFORD, FIRST MEMBER OF COLOUR OF THE ENGLISH REALM AND RESIDENT PHILANTHROPIST. FROM DARK AND SEDUCTIVE ORIGINS COMES A PERFUMED, CURVACEOUS, ELEGANT YET COMPLEX WINE WITH HINTS OF RED BERRIES. VELVETY TANNINS AND SWEET CRANBERRY AND CHERRY FLAVOURS CREATES A RICHNESS TO THIS FIRST DATE WINE WITH A LINGERING AFTERTASTE WHERE THE RED FRUIT AROMAS DOMINATE AND THE OAK CREATES THE BASIS FOR THE FRUIT TO EXPRESS ITSELF.	165	ERASMUS NAMED AFTER OUR FIRST OWNER, THIS WINE IS A TRIBUTE TO PINOTAGE AND OUR FRENCH WINEMAKING HERITAGE. A BASKET OF RIPE PLUMS, BLACK CURRENTS AND A MINTY RICHNESS COMPLEMENTED BY EARTHY NUANCES OF CLOVES AND PEPPER.	235
FOUR WHITE LEGS IN HONOUR OF TRAVELLERS OVER THE BAINSKLOOF WE BRING YOU THIS PALE GOLD, FLORAL SCENTED WITH THE HINT OF FIRST RAINS, MEDIUM BODIED DRY WHITE WINE WITH A FRESH ACIDITY.	165		189

CARAFES

	250ML
WHITE	R55
RED	R56
ROSE	R53

PLEASE VISIT OUR CELLARDOOR FOR WINES TO TAKE HOME OR ORDER ONLINE THROUGH WWW.VDCWINES.CO.ZA.

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

WINE HISTORY

IN 2006, THE CURRENT OWNERS PURCHASED THE 45 HA FARM IN THE HISTORIC BOVLEI VALLEY AND RE-ESTABLISHED THE WINEMAKING TRADITION THAT STARTED THERE IN 1699.

THE FARM WAS CHRISTENED VAL DU CHARRON AS A TRIBUTE TO THE RICH HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE AREA. VAL DU CHARRON MEANS VALLEY OF THE WAGONMAKERS. THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME OF THE WELLINGTON VALLEY. THE FRENCH INFLUENCE STEMS FROM THE HUGUENOTS WHO SETTLED IN THE AREA IN THE LATE 1600'S WHILE THE REFERENCE TO WAGON MAKING REFERS TO THE FACT THAT WELLINGTON WAS THE LAST TOWN WHERE THE AFRIKANER'S OX WAGONS COULD BE SERVICED BEFORE HEADING OVER THE MAJESTIC BAINSKLOOF IN TO THE HINTERLAND.

IN 2012, VAL DU CHARRON ITSELF BECAME AN ESTATE LABEL 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 VAL DU CHARRON'S SOUTHERLY FACING SLOPES.

SUMMARY OF PLANTINGS

HECTARES UNDER VINE	21.3
NUMBER OF VARIETALS	16
MAIN PLANTINGS	CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CHARDONNAY
CELLAR CAPACITY	200 TON
RED & WHITE VARIETAL SPLIT	60% RED 40% WHITE

PRODUCTS

VAL DU CHARRON SINGLE VARIETAL RESERVE COLLECTION	CHENIN BLANC CHARDONNAY PINOT GRIS SYRAH (SHIRAZ) CABERNET SAUVIGNON ROSE
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THEATRE OF WINE

FOUR WHITE LEGS
ERASMUS
BLACK COUNTESS

APHAEA/AEGINA RANGE

APHAEA RED
APHAEA SILK ROSE
APHAEA WHITE

OUR PHILOSOPHY

VAL DU CHARRON IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FARMS SET AGAINST THE HILLS IN THE BOVLEI VALLEY. NOT ONLY DOES THE SHEER BEAUTY ASTOUND, BUT ALSO THE HUGE POTENTIAL OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES -ALL THE VINEYARDS ARE ON SOUTHERLY FACING SLOPES, WE HAVE RICH SOILS AND A WHOLE BOUQUET OF 16 DIFFERENT VARIETALS. OUR SINGLE VARIETAL RESERVE COLLECTION IS A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE FRUIT OF OUR WARM CLIMATE WHILE THE BLENDS ARE A UNIQUE TRIBUTES TO THE COMPLEXITY AND FINESSE THAT A COMBINATION OF CULTIVARS BRING—A TRUE SPIRIT OF PLACE.

OUR ACCOLADES

2011 MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS—BLACK COUNTESS 2010—GOLD
2013 SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER BUSINESS AWARDS—FINALIST—EXPORTER OF THE YEAR
2013 TOP 100 SA WINES—CHARDONNAY 2012—TOP 100 AND BEST VALUE WINE
2013 DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS—CHARDONNAY 2012 AND FOUR WHITE LEGS 2012—COMMENDED
2013 OLD MUTUAL TROPHY WINE—FOUR WHITE LEGS 2012- SILVER
2013 MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS—ERASMUS 2011—SILVER
2013 MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS—CHARDONNAY 2012—GRAN D'OR
2013 VERITAS AWARDS—BLACK COUNTESS 2011—BRONZE
2014 VERITAS AWARDS—SHIRAZ 2012—SILVER
2014 IWSC—BLACK COUNTESS 2011—BRONZE
2015 DRINKS INTERNATIONAL—THE THEATRE OF WINE - MOST INNOVATIVE TOURISM EXPERIENCE IN THE WORLD
2016 HKIWSC—BLACK COUNTESS 2013 - GOLD—SYRAH 2013—SILVER—PINOT GRIS 2014 -BRONZE

2017 VERITAS—PINOT GRIS 2017—BRONZE
2018 HKIWSC—PINOT GRIS 2017—BRONZE
2019 DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY WINE TOURISM DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
2020 GILBERT AND GAILLARD - PINOT GRIS 2020 - SILVER
2021 GILBERT AND GAILLARD—BLACK COUNTESS 2019—GOLD
2021 GILBERT AND GAILLARD VAL DU CHARRON RESERVE MALBEC 2020 - GOLD
2021 MALBEC CHALLENGE MALBEC 2020 SILVER
2020 GILBERT AND GILLIARD - ERASMUS DEN DEEN 2021 - DOUBLE GOLD
2022 GILBERT AND GAILLIARD - FOUR WHITE LEGS 2022 - GOLD
2022 WHITE BLEND CHALLENGE—FOUR WHITE LEGS 2022—GOLD
2022 GILBERT AND GAILLIARD—BLACK COUNTESS 2021- GOLD
2022 GILBERT AND GAILLIARD—CHENIN BLANC 2022- GOLD
2023 GILBERT AND GAILLIARD—FOUR WHITE LEGS 2023 - GOLD



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