

THE
Bistro
at BROOKDALE

THE WINE LIST

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ABOUT OUR WINE LIST



Our wine list is a work-in-progress, and hopefully it will never be complete. We have carefully selected wines from our region which surprise and thrill for your pleasure. Ask us if you have any questions, would like a suggestion, or should you wish to have your wine decanted for your meal. We trust that you will experience a genuine wine adventure that will elevate your dining experience.

The descriptions of each wine are those of the winemaker behind each bottle.

... Stay curious

Kindly note that vintages can change and that we do not offer corkage



BROOKDALE WINES

Our approach in the cellar is ... unconventional. With winemaker Kiara Scott, and proprietor Tim Rudd offering sage advice, the Brookdale winemaking team is as creative as they are unpredictable.

Here, formulas are thrown out the window. We embrace harvest-specific and site-specific practices within the Paarl Wine Valley. We explore techniques in varying combinations as we search for the right approach for each block, vine and year. It's a continual process of experimentation and discovery as we investigate our curiosity and test new theories. What you can be sure of is quality with each wine we release. As passionate wine enthusiasts with an outstanding vineyard with which to try new things, our primary goal is to produce extraordinary wines - vintage after vintage.

BROOKDALE RANGE

2019 Brookdale Chenin Blanc Old Vine

Unmasked, crushed stones ride a wave of white citrus. On the palate, the sensational white fruit continues. The mineral structure presents vertical and endless, enlivened by soft buoyant acids and a mouth-coating citrus purity. The finish is luminous, with a real granitic freshness.

750ml

R 600 bt

“WE ARE ALL MORTAL UNTIL THE FIRST KISS AND THE SECOND GLASS OF WINE.”

– Eduardo Galeano



MASON ROAD WINES

The northern boundary of Brookdale Estate is set along the old Mason Road, used for centuries to carry post, news, and messages from the valleys and kloofs of the Limietberg to the coast.

The Mason Road wines continue this legacy with a story held in every bottle. Medium-bodied with revitalising freshness alongside full fruit flavours as a result of the warm climate and cool mountain breeze, the Mason Road range is lovingly harvested and shaped in the cellar. Each vintage is a discovery of terroir with a focus on minimal intervention embracing harvest-specific and site-specific practices. We believe in freedom of expression – expression that is, of fruit! With flavour profiles as diverse as they are intriguing, explore the Mason Road range for yourself.

MASON ROAD RANGE

2021	Mason Road Chenin Blanc	R 180 bt
	Fragrant and inviting, the wine opens with honeysuckle and pear drop; evolving to an electric current of tropicality, like an island storm.	R 55 gls
2021	Mason Road Serendipity Rosé	R 170 bt
	A Provence-style rosé blend from Syrah, Grenache Noir and Cinsault with a pale salmon pink colour. Elegant, balanced, with bright fruit concentration.	R 50 gls
	<i>1,5 Litre</i>	R 380 mg
2022	Mason Road Syrah	R 190 bt
	A bright red core with red fruit flavours of raspberry, peach pith & hints of vanilla. Medium bodied with layers of fragrant violet & spicy notes of cloves & pepper.	R 60 gls
2022	Mason Road GSM	R 190 bt
	A fragrant wine boasting aromas of blackcurrant & violets with a rich & full mouthfeel and soft & velvety tannins finishing off a soft, round texture.	R 60 gls

Our Mason Road wines are available by glass (185ml) or bottle (750ml)



CAP CLASSIQUE

In 1971 the first “Sparkling Wine” in South Africa was released by the Simonsig Estate. This heralded an exciting new phase in South African wine making circles. In 1992 a group of like-minded South African winemakers who had a passion for bottle fermented Sparkling wine, made according to the traditional Champenoise Méthode, joined forces to form the Cap Classique Producers Association. The Association’s vision in two-fold was to promote South Africa’s premium Cap Classique wines (CC) and to ensure that CC becomes the beloved term for these wines, which will enable them to take their rightful place on the world stage.

CAP CLASSIQUE SELECTION

2022 Aristea R 550 bt

ORIGIN: Stellenbosh | WINEMAKER: Matthew Krone

The luxury of the extended secondary fermentation adds great intensity to the nose and a beautiful, subtle biscuity bouquet, whilst the palate displays a fine mousse.

2022 Aristea Rosé R 550 bt

ORIGIN: Western Cape | WINEMAKER: Matthew Krone

The palate follows with the same playful and harmonious fruit flavours that are beautifully balanced by fine lingering bubbles and a very delicate creamy mousse.

“I ONLY DRINK CHAMPAGNE WHEN I’M HAPPY, AND WHEN I’M SAD. SOMETIMES I
DRINK IT WHEN I’M ALONE. WHEN I HAVE COMPANY, I CONSIDER IT OBLIGATORY.
I TRIFLE WITH IT IF I AM NOT HUNGRY AND DRINK IT WHEN I AM. OTHERWISE I NEVER
TOUCH IT – UNLESS I’M THIRSTY.”

– Lily Bollinger (1899 – 1977)



White Wines

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Certainly, one of the most fashionable wines in “The New World”. The Loire Valley is its home, where it established the reputation for racy white wines. With distinctive fruity flavours and crisp green freshness, this varietal will better suit lighter dishes such as fresh fish and seafood salads.

SAUVIGNON BLANC SELECTION

2022 Boschkloof R 250 bt

ORIGIN: Stellenbosch | WINEMAKER: Reenen Borman

A wine created in a fruit driven style. These tropical characters are integrated with a balanced acidity that adds to the complexity.

2022 Harry Hartman ‘Summer’ R 350 bt

ORIGIN: Elgin

Fresh, with crisp acidity this graceful, citrus led wine has aromas of green fruits and summer blossoms. Supported by a nice flinty structure.

2020 Cape Point Reserve R 490 bt

ORIGIN: Cape Town | WINEMAKER: Riandri Visser

An elegant representation of our unique terroir, with hints of floral spice, cardamom and white pepper. The generous fruit profile showcases lemon, tangerine and ripe nectarines.

“DRINKING GOOD WINE WITH GOOD FOOD IN GOOD COMPANY IS ONE OF LIFE’S MOST CIVILISED PLEASURES.”

– Michael Broadbent



CHARDONNAY

Probably the most popular white wine in the world – well liked for its combination of versatility and classicism. It is a noble variety from which the famous white wines of Burgundy are made. Cape winemakers increasingly use it as the basis of Cap Classique sparkling wines. Full-bodied Chardonnays go especially well with creamy dishes, poultry and most types of fish. Medium bodied Chardonnays can be enjoyed with smoked salmon, terrines and cheese.

CHARDONNAY SELECTION

2022	Weltevrede Calcrete - Unwooded ORIGIN: Robertson WINEMAKER: Philip Jonker Described as elegant, linear and minimalist. Bright, vibrant and limey. Luminescent light lime-green radiance.	R 280 bt
2022	Kara-Tara ORIGIN: Western Cape WINEMAKER: Rüdger van Wyk This is not an area typically associated with fine Chardonnay, but this 40-year-old vineyard produces grapes with great flavour and intensity.	R 390 bt
2022	Lothian ORIGIN: Elgin WINEMAKER: Richard Kershaw (MW) Wood is noted but it is very much in the background. It provides a fragrant base and some texture on the mid palate. This wine has good length with a clean finish.	R 550 bt
2021	Storm Ridge ORIGIN: Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge WINEMAKER: Hannes Storm Storm Ridge Chardonnay 2021 is a classically styled expression, taught, tight and chiselled – a medley of nectarine and citrus fruit with a refreshing, persistent finish.	R 970 bt
2019	Richard Kershaw (MW) ORIGIN: Elgin WINEMAKER: Richard Kershaw Restrained, mineral style focused on elegance with a white fruit character, some oatmeal and some complexity gained from percipient applied wood.	R 1100 bt



VIOGNIER

Not a widely planted grape in South Africa. Throughout the rest of the world, it is a rare but fashionable cultivar, found mainly in the Rhône Valley in France. It produces a full-bodied wine and is often wood matured. Viognier will go well with Chinese and Vietnamese cuisines as well as seafood in creamy sauces.

VIOGNIER SELECTION

2021 Lismore 'Age of Grace' R 390 bt
ORIGIN: Cape South Coast | WINEMAKER: Samantha O'Keefe
Primary Viognier aromas of ripe peach, apricot and later Jasmine flower.
Fresh, rich mouth filling palate infused with white stone pip flavours and spices.

CHENIN BLANC

“Some Cape Chenin Blancs have real Old-World charm: firm natural acidity, several quite distinctive fruit characters, a light citrus style, a more tropical style which is midway between grapefruit and pineapple.” - Michael Fridjon, SA Wine Importer. Chenin Blanc will go with mild to spicy dishes, seafood, and white meat.

CHENIN BLANC SELECTION

2021 Alheit Wines 'Cartology' R 650 bt
ORIGIN: Western Cape | WINEMAKER: Chris & Susan Alheit
Kumquat citrus, sweet oatmeal and honey, maybe elderflower. The palate is fine and bright, reminiscent of salty/sweet, candied lemon, great length.



SÉMILLON

Sémillon is considered to be one of the first grape varieties brought from Europe to the Cape. It once dominated the South African vineyards – to the tune of 90% in the 1820s. It now takes up less than one per cent of total vineyard surface. This is largely due to sheer ignorance of this noble variety's identity and provenance. Great accompaniment to any fish dish, particularly prawns and mussels.

SÉMILLON SELECTION

2021 Steenberg R 450 bt
ORIGIN: Constantia | WINEMAKER: JD Pretorius
Light gold with green hue. Hints of crème brûlée and lemon meringue on the palate, followed by quinces and tangerine on the aftertaste.

ROUSSANNE

Roussanne is a late-ripening variety that produces powerful white wines that offer perfume-featuring scents of fresh flowers, peaches, herbs, pears, spice, roasted nuts, and hints of pepper. Wines produced from Roussanne are typically rich and can even develop a silky, exotic, oily texture. Roussanne-based wines are best enjoyed either within the first few years of bottling or after they have been cellared for 10 to 20 years. In the years in between, the wines typically enter a closed period where their flavours and aromatics are difficult to find.

ROUSSANNE SELECTION

2020 The Foundry R 450 bt
ORIGIN: Stellenbosch | WINEMAKER: Chris Williams & James Reid
Distinct and intense aromas of wildflowers, oatmeal and lemon cream. The palate is lively and intense with quince and yellow apple flavours, hints of spice and pleasant acidity.



RIESLING

Originating in Germany's Rhine region, Riesling is an aromatic white variety with pronounced acidity. The wines are expressive of their terroir and tend to be unwooded, exhibiting minerality, flower blossoms, apple, lime, nectarine, and beeswax, and developing notes of honey, nut, and petrol as they age. Styles vary from dry to dessert-style wines. Of all the classic white varieties, it is most notable for its longevity, developing extraordinary complexity in the bottle over many years and maintaining that peak performance for many more. Enjoy with lightly spiced dishes and fruity desserts.

RIESLING SELECTION

2022 Sauerwein R 390 bt

ORIGIN: Elgin | WINEMAKER: Jessica Sauerwein

Fragrant citrus blossom, green melon, yellow stone fruits, white pear, ginger, Pina colada, honeysuckle and finishes with a flinty, cool earth lick.

COLOMBARD

Colombard is a white French wine grape variety that is the offspring of Chenin Blanc and Gouais Blanc. It is known for the production of distilled wines, such as Brandy and Cognac. It produces wines with fresh, crisp and fruity flavours that pair excellently with light dishes from salads to sushi.

COLOMBARD SELECTION

2022 Naude 'Langpad' R 540 bt

ORIGIN: Western Cape | WINEMAKER: Ian Naude

A classically-presented cultivar, beginning with a gorgeous white crisp peach and pear on the nose, and finishing with that saline salty freshness.



WHITE BLENDS

Winemakers explore many different styles of blended white wine making in South Africa. The result is that the wines are both interesting and challenging. Often you will discover something completely new. Lighter styles pair well with salmon, sushi, soft cheeses and lemon. Heavier styles pair well with creamy sauces, white meats and fish.

WHITE BLEND SELECTION

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| 2021 | Thorne & Daughters 'Rocking Horse'
ORIGIN: Western Cape WINEMAKER: John Seccombe
<i>A blend of Roussanne, Sémillon Blanc, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc & Clairette Blanc</i>
Wild honey and nut brittle aromas on the nose lead into a rounded, intense palate of honeybush, yellow plums. | R 490 bt |
| 2021 | Lourens Family Wines 'Lindi Carien'
ORIGIN: Western Cape WINEMAKER: Franco Lourens
<i>A blend of Verdelho, Chenin Blanc, Colombar, Grenache Blanc & Palamino</i>
Beautifully textured wine. Rich and morish yet lean with a perfect acid balance. We love the layers of spice shining through. | R 590 bt |



Red Wines

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet is King! Long live the King! The Cape's sure success with Cabernet soon gave rise to consideration of the potential to make the type of blend that gave Bordeaux its star status. In the early 80's this classic tradition of combining Cabernet with Merlot and Cabernet Franc resulted in what is still loosely referred to as "Bordeaux-Style" red blends. Together, they make magic! Fuller styles cope well with richer types of food, meaty casseroles and lamb.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SELECTION

2020	Boschkloof ORIGIN: Stellenbosch WINEMAKER: Reenen Borman A full-bodied, oak matured red wine with intense deep ruby black colour. Ripe plum, herb, chocolate and complex toasty oak bouquet.	R 250 bt
2019	Starke Conde ORIGIN: Stellenbosch WINEMAKER: Jose Conde The palate is rich and polished with dark fruit, mocha flavours and with a delicately balanced acidity. It has a long finish with fine grain tannins at the end.	R 550 bt
2015	Aristea ORIGIN: Stellenbosch WINEMAKER: Matthew Krone Beautiful black currants and intense ripe plums on the nose, with subtle hints of Cape fynbos and wood spice, which are neatly framed by the vanilla and cinnamon flavours.	R 550 bt
2018	Mooiplaas 'Tabakland' Reserve ORIGIN: Stellenbosch WINEMAKER: Bertus Basson & Louis Roos Pitch black colour, fruitcake nose with dark cassis and liquorice. Tannin still tight at this stage, which is to be expected. Fine concentration and good length.	R 850 bt



CABERNET FRANC

Cabernet Franc, the baby Cabernet, is a black grape variety originating in France and is similar in character to Cabernet Sauvignon. Although generally lighter in tannins and body, it possesses many similar flavours including black cherry, cassis, chocolate, vanilla, spice, and cloves. Cabernet Franc is more likely to have a bell-peppery aroma or flavour. Because it mellows and matures faster than Cabernet Sauvignon, it is often used in blending heavier Cabernets. The wine will pair well with savoury mince and braised beef.

CABERNET FRANC SELECTION

2020 Raats 'Dolomite' R 350 bt
ORIGIN: Stellenbosch | WINEMAKER: Jasper Raats
The wine expresses great purity of fruit and balanced elegance, succulent red fruits coupled with a beautifully smoky mineral quality.

MERLOT

All of the characteristics that make Merlot so masterfully complementary to Cabernet Sauvignon mark it a great solo act too. It is the feminine counterpart to Cabernet's masculinity, filling out its partner's almost austere structure with fleshy fruit, soft acids, silky tannins and accessible drinkability. The wine will pair well with game and steak.

MERLOT SELECTION

2021 Van Loggerenberg 'Break a Leg' R 370 bt
ORIGIN: Stellenbosch | WINEMAKER: Lukas van Loggerenberg
A full-bodied, oak matured red wine with intense deep ruby black colour. Ripe plum, herb, chocolate and complex toasty oak bouquet.

2020 Shannon 'Mount Bullet' R 850 bt
ORIGIN: Elgin | WINEMAKER: Gordon & Nadia Newton John
The wine has a fragrance of ripe red fruits such as plums and dark cherries, with earthy complexity and yet still expressing minerality.



CINSAULT

Cinsault is a French red-grape variety, traditionally used in the Southern Rhône blend as a partner to Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Also known as Cinsault without the "I", the variety has developed hundreds of synonyms owing to a wide distribution and over four centuries of cultivation. Despite a decline in plantings over the past decade, with stylistic trends moving towards lighter wines, Cinsault has been receiving fresh attention.

CINSAULT SELECTION

2021	Van Loggerenberg 'Geronimo' ORIGIN: Stellenbosch WINEMAKER: Lukas van Loggerenberg Sweet fruit character follows through on the palate. Medium body with elegant palate weight. Finish: soft tannin with a refreshing flinty minerality.	R 450 bt
2021	Savage Wines 'Follow The Line' ORIGIN: Darling WINEMAKER: Duncan Savage Deep, dark and very serious on the nose, boasting layers of cranberries, dried strawberries, red currants and subtle perfumed hints of rose petals and violets.	R 550 bt

"WINE IS BOTTLED POETRY."

– Robert Louis Stevenson



PINOT NOIR

Unpredictable in the vineyard, difficult in the cellar, Pinot Noir is nevertheless able to make one of the world's great red wines. Pinot Noir is like a ballerina, fine-tuned and *en pointe*. It has a rare fluidity, a delicacy, a beguiling beauty that belies an underlying power and structural strength, responsible for an unexpected ability to age. A varietal which pairs with most foods.

PINOT NOIR SELECTION

2022 Le Brune The Valley R 420 bt

ORIGIN: Elgin | WINEMAKER: Nico Grobbelaar

Perfumed, orange peel and strawberry. Notes of forest floor and mushroom. Linear, tight with a mineral core coated with some beautiful texture and red fruit and a long pure finish.

2021 Aristeia R 550 bt

ORIGIN: Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge | WINEMAKER: Matthew Krone

The tannin finishes long and light whilst the broad texture engulfs the palate showing bright succulent fruits followed by more gentle black fruit down the middle with a balanced acidity.

2020 Storm 'Ridge' R 970 bt

ORIGIN: Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge | WINEMAKER: Hannes Storm

Dense and perfumed showing floral scents, spice, red cherry and raspberry fruit, savoury tannins and focused acidity.

PINOTAGE

Developed by Prof. Abraham Perold in 1925, Pinotage is the result of a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault (then known as Hermitage). The wine boasts the truly distinctive sweetness of red berry fruit with a characteristic banana-like aroma and flavour best with game, roasts, ostrich and smoked snoek.

PINOTAGE SELECTION

2022 The Blacksmith 'Hell Yeah' R 390 bt

ORIGIN: Paarl | WINEMAKER: Tremayne Smith

A fun unpretentious wine which aspires to intrigue the palate and satisfy the soul. Packed with flavour.



GRENACHE

The unmistakable candied fruit roll-up and cinnamon flavour is what gives Grenache away to expert blind tasters. It has a medium-bodied taste due to its higher alcohol but has a deceptively lighter colour and is semi-translucent. Depending on where it's grown, Grenache often has subtle aromas of orange rinds and ruby-red grapefruit. When Grenache is grown in Old World regions such as the Côtes du Rhône and Sardinia, it can have herbal notes of dried oregano and tobacco.

GRENACHE SELECTION

2019 Temple 'Skemerdans' R 450 bt

ORIGIN: Western Cape | WINEMAKER: Neil Marais

Packed with juicy red berry fruit, perfume, exotic spices and a hint of citrus. A vibrant line of acidity follows through on the palate with a light fresh lingering finish.

2019 Ian Naude R 580 bt

ORIGIN: Western Cape | WINEMAKER: Ian Naude

The palate shows a fine sleek medium bodied texture. Impressive, delicious and expressive wild strawberry, bramble berries and subtle sappy peppery spice on the finish.

MALBEC

Malbec is a purple grape variety used in making red wine. The grapes tend to have an inky dark colour and robust tannins and are known as one of the six grapes allowed in the blend of red Bordeaux wine.

MALBEC SELECTION

2020 Doolhof 'Signatures' Single Vineyard R 450 bt

ORIGIN: Limietberg | WINEMAKER: Gielie Beukus

The wine expresses great purity of fruit and balanced elegance, succulent red fruits coupled with a beautifully-smoked mineral quality.



TINTA BAROCCA

Tinta Barocca (sometimes Tinta Baroca) is one of the most common red wine varieties in the Douro Valley of northern Portugal. It is used most often to make Port, an application to which it is particularly well suited, as the grapes' naturally high sugar levels (and correspondingly high potential alcohol) make them extremely useful for fortified wine production.

TINTA BAROCCA SELECTION

2019 Sadie Family Wines 'Treinspoor' R 870 bt

ORIGIN: Swartland | WINEMAKER: Eben Sadie

Presents a crisp, well-defined bouquet of blackberry, briar and wild fennel scents, gaining intensity all the time in the glass. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity.

SHIRAZ/SYRAH

Unsung Shiraz underrated and understated, but Cape Shiraz offers wine lovers' unplumbed depths of pleasure. The range of Shiraz styles in the Cape are evidence of this grape's generous bounty. Its response to wood extends the flavours even further; with winemakers enhancing its soft sweetness with the vanillin imparted by American Oak. Others believe in classic French Oak to balance its rich fruit and savoury spiciness. Accompany with red meat dishes with sweet and spicy overtones.

SHIRAZ SELECTION

2021 Trizanne Signature Wines R 280 bt

ORIGIN: Swartland | WINEMAKER: Trizanne Barnard

Beautifully expressive in the glass with aromas of blackberry, currant, garrigue and white pepper. Palate is medium-bodied and intense, with fine-grained tannins and a lovely acid line.

2022 Savage Wines 'Savage Red' R 580 bt

ORIGIN: Stellenbosch | WINEMAKER: Duncan Savage

The medium-weight palate is bright and juicy, with a crushed-satin texture thanks to ample acidity and structured yet fine tannins.

2020 Beau Constantia Stella R 690 bt

ORIGIN: Constantia | WINEMAKER: Megan van der Merwe

Like the famous "la la's" of the Côte Rôtie, Viognier is interplanted within the Syrah vineyard. The Viognier is harvested golden and slightly raisined due to its extended hangtime, perfectly complimenting the spicy Syrah.



RED BLENDS

Many of the great wines of the world are a blend of more than one grape variety. The finest old world examples include Bordeaux and Châteauneuf-du-pape. The wines below represent some of the finest interpretations of the red blend in South African blends. Savoury dishes, game, mushrooms, beef braised in ale and pan-fried lamb chops make a great pairing.

RED BLEND SELECTION

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| 2022 | Thorne & Daughters ‘Wanderers Heart’
ORIGIN: Western Cape WINEMAKER: John Seccombe
<i>A blend of Syrah, Grenache Noir, Mourvèdre & Carignan</i>
Focused with red cherries, violets and cinnamon on the nose. The tannins are supple and integrated into a palate of red currants and black cardamom. | R 420 bt |
| 2022 | Nitida ‘Calligraphy’
ORIGIN: Durbanville WINEMAKER: Etienne Louw
<i>A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot & Cabernet Franc</i>
A harmonious composition, melodies of luscious red fruit, rich dark chocolate and warm sticky toffee pudding. | R 480 bt |
| 2022 | Lourens Family ‘Howard John’
ORIGIN: Swartland WINEMAKER: Franco Lourens
<i>A blend of Grenache Noir, Cinsault & Syrah</i>
Supple, rounded and elegant, but with lots of flavour. Sweet cherries, olives and pepper. Juicy and lively with a nice damson twist on the finish. | R 590 bt |

“WINE AND FRIENDS ARE A GREAT BLEND.”

– Ernest Hemingway



Dessert Wines

STRAW WINE

This is a wine that is made from grapes that have been dried in the sun on straw mats before they are pressed. The technique dates back to pre-Roman times. Straw wines are typically sweet to very sweet white wines, similar in density and sweetness to Sauternes and capable of long life.

STRAW WINE SELECTION

NV Tierhoek (375ml) R 450 bt
ORIGIN: Piekenierskloof | WINEMAKER: Roger Burton

The nose has a complex, enticing blend of dried peaches, apricots and marmalade. The palate is balanced by a clean, fresh and very long finish of dried apricots.

“WINE IMPROVES WITH AGE. THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I LIKE IT.”

– Tim Rudd