

Award-winning *wines*

Wines that deliver in terms of taste, quality and value for money

Wine tasting is a subjective art, and I say 'art' as every individual's palate differs. One man's 'wild buchú' is another man's 'freshly-mown grass' and with an ever increasing number of wine labels to choose from, it's hard to know not only which ones to buy, but which wines will deliver in terms of taste and quality and offer value for money. If you are unsure about relying on your own palate to select wines, there are an increasing number of wine competitions (local and international) and associations to guide you with your wine selections.

The annual Nedbank CWG auction offers the finest selection of handcrafted wines from its 38 winemaker members. All of the wines are carefully selected, then tasted by the members before being offered on auction. The Cape Winemakers Guild label is an authentic assurance of quality, and any of the auction wines would be a fine addition to your wine collection.

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Rickety Bridge Sauvignon Blanc 2007 was one of only two Cape Sauvignon Blancs to attain a four-star rating in a recent *British Decanter* magazine tasting of New World Sauvignons. The zesty citrus and mineral notes on the nose follow through onto the palate.

Jordan Nine Yards Single Vineyard Chardonnay 2006, voted the best Chardonnay at the Old Mutual Trophy Wine show 2008, is a luscious full-bodied white wine, fermented and matured in Burgundian oak barrels.

The **Anura Malbec 2005** was rated the top Malbec at the SA Terroir Wine Awards and is also a Gold Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2007 winner. It is brimming with

mulberry and blueberry flavours with a hint of liquorice on the palate, followed by a soft, smooth finish.

Stellenzicht Pinotage has ranked among the ABSA Top 10 Pinotages for the past four years. The 2005 Cellarmaster's Release is rich and dense, filled with dark berry fruits and prune flavours.

A Bordeaux-style blend, the **Simonsig Tiara 2002**, the estate's flagship wine and a Veritas Double Gold winner, is a full-bodied red with a firm tannin structure.

The **Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2004**, another Bordeaux-style blend, was this year's winner of the Calyon Bordeaux Trophy. The current vintage, 2005, is an equally superb supple red blend from this well-known estate in Stellenbosch.

Only launched last year as a social upliftment initiative, the **Seidelberg Cecilia 2006** is already winning awards for winemaker Cerina de Jongh – gold at the Women and Wines of the World International competition. It's a vibrant Shiraz-based red blend, complemented by the addition of Mourvèdre and Malbec. **GH**

