

## BEST FROM THE 1995 VINTAGE

**VEENWOUDEN** ★★★★★*Cellar price: R45*

Deep ruby. Warm, woody aromas balanced with sweet cassis. Strong, but fine tannin structure underpinning tons of ripe, full fruit flavours. Well-balanced wine, with a solid mid-palate and long finish. Nearly five-star. **Drinking well already, but has potential for up to five years in the bottle.**

**LANZERAC** ★★★★★*Cellar price: R46*

Dark colour. Heavy, charred-oak aromas, smoky, but fruit still apparent. Good, ripe fruit on palate. Wood remains dominant, giving a dry mouthfeel, but wine has the fruit to evolve over the next year or two. Lovely length. A top four-star. **Keep for a year or so; should age with benefit for at least four years.**

**OVERGAAUW** ★★★★★*Cellar price: R22,90*

Good colour. Aromas of wood, fruit and spice. A soft, rounded palate with complex fruit. Clean vanilla oak flavours, heavy toastiness. Some mint and fairly strong eucalypt character. Lingering finish, very dry. **Allow a year in bottle for optimum enjoyment, but should last three or more.**

**BOSCHENDAL** ★★★★★*Cellar price: R32,18*

Deep ruby. Developed toasty oak and fresh, fruity aromas. Well-integrated, balanced wine with layers of flavour and soft tannins. Good finish. Lightish, more elegant style, despite heavy toasting. **Drink now, but should keep for a couple of years.**

**HARTENBERG** ★★★*Cellar price: R52*

Deep, youthful purple. Spicy aromas with cherry and blackberry fruit. Full, rounded palate, good mouthfeel. A wine with character, that caused some controversy, just missing a four-star rating due to slightly high acid and a hint of green tannins. **Needs a year or two to mellow, but should last for four or more years.**

**CHAMONIX** ★★★*Cellar price: approx R38*

Deep, dark colour. Dense blackberry fruit on nose, with some spice. Concentrated fruit flavours, high extract. But very tannic – some thought slightly green – and acidity marked. Verging on four stars. **Good potential for ageing over three years or more.**

**YONDER HILL** ★★★*Cellar price: R27*

Deep, dark colour. Christmas cake nose: spice, raspberry, mulberry, cassis. Complexity on the palate, good flavours, with soft tannins and vanilla sweetness. Just not enough depth of fruit for four stars. Finishes with a hint of bitterness and a slight harshness. **Allow a year to soften; should last for up to four.**

**MÔRESON** ★★★*Cellar price: R55*

Soft, berry fruit and cassis on nose, with some tobacco, cedar, dusty aromas. Good oak handling, in balance with fruit. Solid mid-palate, complex, but finishes quickly. A solid three-star, nevertheless, which should improve over time. **Needs a year or two to mature, but should last well over five years.**

**VERGELEGEN** ★★★*Cellar price: R36*

Shy nose, dominated by spicy, toasty wood. Full-bodied, flavoursome, with well-judged oak and solid fruit, sweet and soft. Lingering finish. **Eminently drinkable, but with plenty of development potential.**

**DE TRAFFORD** ★★★*Cellar price: R36*

Fairly shy nose, some cigarbox, slightly medicinal character. Good, plummy fruit flavours with ripe tannins. Follows through onto after-taste. A balanced wine, but slight astringency on finish needs time to soften. **Good potential to last up to six years.**

**WARWICK** ★★★*Cellar price: R28,50*

Deeply coloured. Strong, toasty new wood aromas but combines with clean fruit to offer an intense, complex nose. Palate unexpectedly light, though made up for by a lingering finish. Nice, juicy wine, though somewhat unbalanced acidity. **Allow a year or two to soften.**

**FLEUR DU CAP** ★★★*Approx retail price: R24*

Open, attractive nose with tobacco and cedar wood aromas. Good fruit and wood on palate, pleasant sweetness, but firm structure with fairly tart, astringent finish. **Drink now or over two years.**