

Matoppie

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Welcome to the Matoppie Restaurant named after one of the most remarkable trees of the bushveld.

The Matoppie tree also known as the Witgatwortel, Tree of Life or Shephards tree is celebrated because of its remarkable ability to sustain animal and human life throughout the year. Its white bark and individual shape makes it unmistakable amongst others in the African bush.

Inspired by these unique features, we compiled the Matoppie wine list. It is our wish that you savour and appreciate the effort and passion that went into every drop of each of these special wines found both locally and around the world.



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Wine menu

The wine collection at Matoppie Restaurant has been carefully selected by our Cape Wine Master. Our wine selection offers a delectable choice of the best that the South African winelands has to offer, as well as international wines for those discerning and adventurous palates. Our collection of wines offers a wide range of regions, varieties and has been chosen to compliment the food on our menu.

Our star rating is based on the John Platter yearly evaluation. Most of the wines on offer have between a three- and five-star rating in the John Platter wine guide. We have marked all these award-winning wines accordingly.

- ★ (11) Plain and simple
- ★★ (12) Casual quaffing
- ★★☆ (13/14) Pleasant drinking
- ★★★ (15) Good everyday drinking
- ★★★★☆ (16) Very good / promising
- ★★★★★ (17) Excellent
- ★★★★★☆ (18) Outstanding
- ★★★★★★ (18+) Superlative; a Cape classic

A corkage fee will be charged should you prefer to enjoy your own bottle of wine or champagne that is not part of our wine or champagne list.



Aperitifs

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SHERRY BY THE GLASS

Sherry is produced either dry or caramel sweet, and originally comes from the same general area, the region surrounding the town of Jerez de la Frontera on the South West coast of Spain.

In South Africa, sherry was first produced by Roberto Monis in 1906 in his wine cellar in Paarl. This excellent range of Monis sheries are very elegant and are best enjoyed chilled. Served by the glass (50ml).

Paarl	Monis Fino Dry	22
	This classic style dry sherry holds elegant nutty aromas and aromatic flavours.	
Paarl	Monis Medium Cream	22
	Bright, pale, natural gold in colour, the sherry holds butterscotch and pine needles on the nose. Long, silky flow across the palate - rich, rather than sweet; fine raisins, citrus and Christmas pudding flavours ending in a long finish.	
Paarl	Monis Full Cream	22
	This full cream sherry holds sweet vanilla flavours with nuts and honey. Rich toffee and brown sugar aromas with hints of barley sugar, spice and honey comes to the fore with a beautifully balanced and delicate character.	

Champagne Champagne

All champagnes are sparkling wines, but only sparkling wines made in the region of France known as Champagne may be labelled as Champagne.

Epernay Dom Perignon Blanc 2000 6000

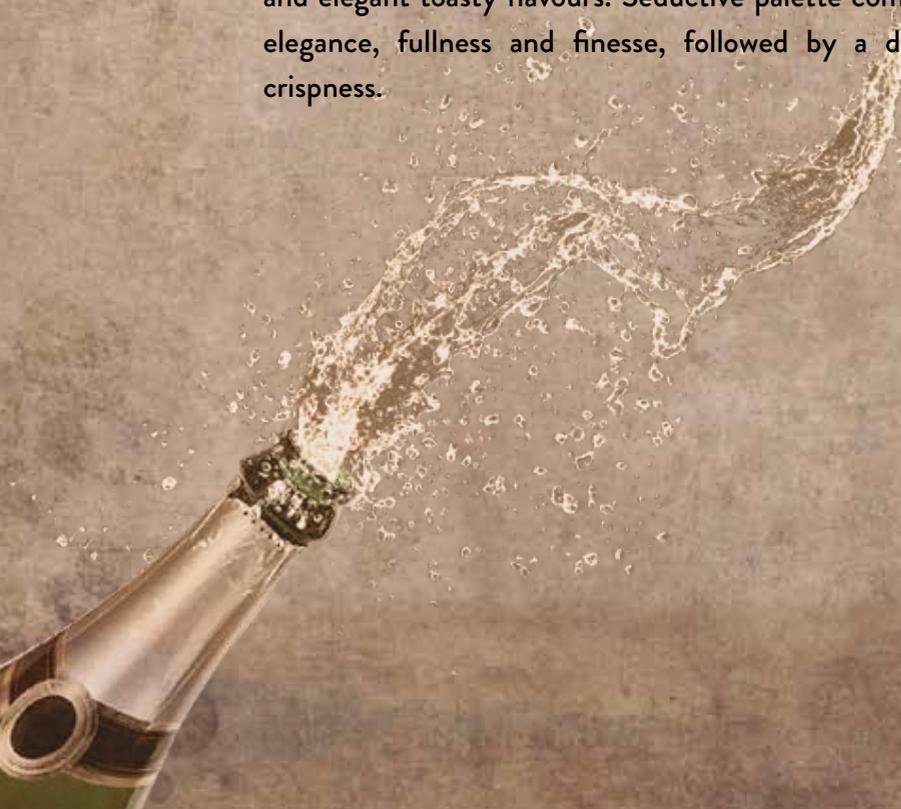
Satiny texture unfurls on the palate, embracing and caressing it. Momentary weightlessness with a vibrating finish that arouses the taste buds with controlled ardour.

Epernay Moët & Chandon Rosé 2200

The palate is flamboyant and combines intensity and roundness: fleshy and juicy first, then firm fruit stone, with a subtle herbal mint finish.

Epernay Moët & Chandon NV 1950

Radiant aromas of citrus and white peach, floral nuances and elegant toasty flavours. Seductive palette combining elegance, fullness and finesse, followed by a delicate crispness.



Cap Classique

Methode Cap Classique

South African sparkling wines made in the traditional French method (*methode champenoise*) are referred to as Methode Cap Classiques or MCC's. Wine that has been impregnated with CO² bubbles is simply termed sparkling wine, whereas MCC's undergo a second fermentation in the bottle to create the sought-after bubbles.

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| Franschhoek | Colmant Cap Classique ★★★★★☆ | 480 |
| | A subtle golden glow is reflected amongst a graceful dance of bubbles. The nose is delicate and elegant with its gentle spicy toastiness, a beautiful lemon and brioche perfume and the soft scent of mature stone fruits. | |
| Stellenbosch | Pongracz Brut Rosé ★★★ | 430 |
| | Delights the palate as much as the eye and evokes an air of romance with its delicate salmon pink hue. Delicate strawberry tones are layered with whiffs of baked bread. On the palate, it is perfectly balanced with clean acidity and juicy blackberry fruit. | |
| Stellenbosch | Pongracz Brut ★★★★★ | 380 |
| | Crisp green apple notes and nuttiness of freshly baked bread are prevalent on the nose. On the palate, delicate yeasty tones, layered with toast and ripe fruit are enlivened by a firm mousse and persistent bead that make it particularly attractive. It imparts a wonderful foamy mouthful of blackberry fruit flavours with a long lingering aftertaste. | |

Sparkling

Sparkling wine

Some wine-makers produce a non-MCC sparkling wine, which is simply fizzed up with bubbles by injecting carbon dioxide into the wine. This is a faster and inexpensive method, which also allows those who'd prefer to avoid yeast to have a celebratory glass of bubbly.

Western Cape **JC Le Roux Le Domaine** ★★ **190**

This is a delightful sparkling wine that comes alive on the palate. It has all the finesse and freshness of a Sauvignon Blanc intertwined with the gentle sweetness of the Muscadel while keeping its crisp youthfulness intact. Low in alcohol, with mouth-filling sweetness and a clean finish, it is truly a sparkling wine to enliven any occasion.

Western Cape **JC Le Roux La Fleurette** ★☆ **190**

A lively, passion pink sparkling wine that entices all the senses. It reveals a delightful melange of sweet, fruity flavours with hints of strawberry, plum and tropical fruit.



Splurge

Splurge section

This section is a must read for any wine lover, connoisseur and for those who are in search of that truly special bottle of wine.

WHITE WINES

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| Cape Town | Steenberg Magna Carta ★★★★★☆ | 1500 |
| | On the nose, the harmonious blend shows aromas of elderflower, gooseberries and orange blossom. The palate is broad and textured with a bright line of acidity giving the wine backbone. | |
| France-Loire | De Ladoucette Pouilly Fume Sauvignon Blanc | 1400 |
| | An enchanting wine made from very low yields. The grapes are hand-picked, and only the best grapes go into the bottle. Delicate and fresh with lemon and taut mineral tones. | |
| Stellenbosch | Ken Forrester The FMC ★★★★★☆ | 1600 |
| | This icon chenin blanc is rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla and honey. Hand-selected primarily from low yielding, old bush vines and harvested at full maturity. Will gain additional complexity with cellaring. | |

Splurge

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RED WINES

Cederberg **Cederberg Five Generations** ★★★★★☆ **1300**

A serious boutique-style cabernet sauvignon, from a single, low-yield vineyard of 23 years old. Rich complexity, multi-layered plum and cassis fruit flavours with tobacco and some earthy tones. A wine with power and weight.

Stellenbosch **Rust en Vrede Estate (red blend)** ★★★★★☆ **925**

Savoury oak aromas combined with mocha coffee and pencil shavings. Hints of dark fruit, plum and cassis also come to the fore. Great structure and balance.

Stellenbosch **DeWaal Top of the Hill Pinotage** ★★★★★☆ **1900**

Beautiful plum and spice flavours with dark fruit, rich on middle palate, with a smooth and lingering finish.



White White wines

SAUVIGNON BLANC

The name Sauvignon derives from 'savage', meaning wild, which could describe its grassy, gooseberry flavours. Enjoy with buttery dishes, salads, fish dishes and delicately flavoured foods.

Stellenbosch **Asara** ★★☆☆ **250**

A rich tropical profile with slight green pepper aromas, the unmistakable hallmark of Mediterranean climate Sauvignon Blanc, shows with layers of creaminess and ripe tropical fruit.

Darling **Alexanderfontein** ★★☆☆ **170**

A bright straw-green colour with a mineral, green pepper nose and a medium bodied crisp palate. A waxy, white peach finish with a lingering aftertaste.

Durbanville **Durbanville Hills** ★★★ **175**

This Sauvignon Blanc boasts seamlessly layered flavours ranging from tropical fruit to fig, lime, guava and gooseberry, leading up to a crisp finish. Pale green in colour, this wine is a combination of fruit flavours and green pepper with a crisp acidity and full mouth-feel.

White White wines

CHENIN BLANC

South Africa has the most extensive plantings of Chenin Blanc in the world. This is a very diverse variety that possesses a built-in balance of strength and acidity that makes it capable of many styles. This wine is a perfect accompaniment to all our spicy dishes.

Wellington **Diemersfontein Carpe Diem** ★★★★★ **280**

A nose of citrus and pineapple, taste of green apples and pears with warm toasty biscuit aromas to add balance. Good acid lends to this wine's fine length and versatility.

Stellenbosch **Muldersbosch – Steen op Hout** ★★★★★ **200**

With a delicate green golden appearance, the wine promises a fresh array of wonderful fruit aromas. Papaya, melon and limes jostle for attention aside freshly sliced Granny Smith apples and touches of oak spice. Sourced as it was from an array of mature vineyards across the Western Cape, the wine is richly layered with golden ripe fruit and finely balanced texture. The well poised finish and persistent length are hallmarks of this great grape.

Stellenbosch **Kleine Zalze Barrel Fermented** ★★★★★ **150**

Concentrated aromas of guava, litchi and sweet melon on the nose with subtle oak notes. On the palate, there is ripe fruit with hints of minerality and good combination of oak gives a full, but yet elegant finish to the wine. This wine can be enjoyed now but will definitely reward those who wait. With careful cellaring, it should age gracefully over the next 10 years.

White White wines

CHARDONNAY

Seductive, endlessly charming Chardonnay has invaded vineyards all around the world. The flavours are often bold and expansive and range from light peach, pineapple, melon and limes in the unwooded style to ripe summer fruits, nuts, butterscotch, vanilla and fresh toast in the barrel mature wooded styles.

Stellenbosch **Asara Chardonnay Reserve (Wooded)** ★★☆ **250**

A wine with fresh citrus and creamy vanilla aromas, with a palate of subtle Chardonnay fruit flavours married with French oak. Also, a lingering taste of marmalade and buttered toast.

Stellenbosch **Zonnebloem Chardonnay (Wooded)** ★★☆ **200**

Clear in colour with hints of straw, the bouquet reflects a base of citrus with a burst of tangerine and lime. On the palate, it has an elegant minerality with subtle vanilla oak spice and a lean, refreshing lime aftertaste.

Robertson **Van Loveren Chardonnay (Wooded)** ★★★ **180**

Slightly wooded with aromas of canned apple, mandarin and grapefruit that follows through on palate. A dry, well balanced wine with clean citrus and light smoky and nutty tones on the palate.

White White wines

WHITE BLENDS

The principle of any blend is that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. White blends in South Africa are where the most innovation is taking place as well as earning the highest awards in the international markets.

France **M. Chapoutier Belleruche** **600**

Blending of Grenache Blanc, Clairette and Bourboulenc. Pale yellow and limpid. On the nose, green apple, hawthorn and white blossoms, citrus aromas and exotic fruits. On the palate, fresh and well-balanced, lot of fatness and length.

Durbanville **De Grendel Winifred** ★★★☆ **350**

Citrus and tropical flavours and bring a lower alcohol to the blend while assuring a firm acidity. Apricot and peaches on the nose, while contributing to a full and rich mouth feel. Butterscotch and ripe citrus flavours, responsible for broadness and structure of the blend.

South Africa **Matoppie White House Blend** **190**

Any wine drinker with a good palate will know the name of the Matoppie House Wine. Try it and see what you think.

Semi sweet

Semi sweet wines

SEMI SWEET WINES

There are hundreds of wine types in the world, all with their own individual style and flavour. Wine drinkers with a sweet tooth will usually prefer the sweeter varieties. These are often “late harvest” wines, whose grapes are picked when sugars have had more time to collect and develop a sweeter taste.

Cederberg **Cederberg Bukettraube** ★★★☆ **255**

A rare cultivar with 77 hectares remaining left in the world. Cederberg Bukettraube is an explosion of aroma and flavour. It has prominent Muscat flavours with apricot and floral notes on the nose. A well-balanced wine with a delicate sweetness and a crisp acidity.

Franschhoek **Boschendal Le Bouquet** ★★★☆ **145**

This medium-sweet wine has a delicate freshness and a juicy fruit core, embracing characters of peach and apricot with hints of cinnamon and honey. Tanta lising vibrancy and smooth, with an uncloying tangerine finish.

Olifants River **Live-a-little Slightly Sweet & Shameless** ★★★☆ **120**

A clear wine with a slight pale-green tinge. A typical Muscat nose with hints of lemon and rose petals. The palate is soft with a fresh start and a lingering after taste of citrus and litchi.

Rosé Rosé

ROSÉ

Rosé wines are made from a wide variety of grapes and can be found all around the globe. When rosé wine is the primary product, it is produced with the skin contact method where black-skinned grapes are crushed and the skins are allowed to remain in contact with the juice for a short period, typically one to three days. Rosé has become very fashionable lately and is especially popular during the warmer months of the year as it is quite refreshing and regarded as a thirst quencher.

Stellenbosch **Delheim Pinotage Rosé** ★★☆☆ **200**

Vibrant, light pink in colour. Crisp acidity with sweet berry fruit. The wine is still primary with cranberry, strawberry and floral aromas on the palate and nose.

Paarl **Fairview Goats Do Roam Rosé** **160**

Pale rose pink colour, with hints of raspberries and floral aromas in the nose. Red berries and an elegant dry fresh finish on the palate.

Tulbagh **Drostdy Hof Natural Sweet Red** ★★ **130**

This light, delicately fruity wine is 25% lower in alcohol and 10% lower in kilojoules than a normal table wine, making it ideal for the health-conscious. It is an easy-drinking wine, bright ruby in colour and soft and refreshing with a clean, sweet finish.

Red Red wines

PINOTAGE

In 1925, Abraham Izak Perold planted hybrid seeds resulting from a crossing of Pinot Noir and Hermitage grapes in his garden at Welgevallen in Stellenbosch. Little did he know that this would for ever be part of South Africa's wine history, eventually growing to become our unique selling point around the world. Excellent with game, curries and pepper steaks.

Wellington **Diemersfontein Pinotage** ★★☆☆ **320**

On the nose, distinct coffee, rich dark chocolate and baked plums. The ripe subtle tannins create a wine to be drunk very young. This unique style of Pinotage is a perfect accompaniment to salmon, roast venison and even chocolate mousse. Dark chocolate with a hint of mint and baked plums on the nose.

Paarl **Barista Coffee Pinotage** ★★★ **220**

A burst of intense, rich coffee and chocolate aromas with ripe nuances of mulberry, plum and Maraschino cherries. The sweet aromas of vanilla and banana follow through on the palate and create with the ripe, luscious tannins a wine ready to be enjoyed.

Stellenbosch **Kleine Zalze Pinotage** ★★★☆ **195**

This is a very elegant expression of Pinotage. On the bouquet, there are notes of ripe, red fruit with floral tones and hints of lavender. The flavours follow through on the palate which also has a firm yet elegant tannin structure that will allow the wine to mature well over the next 5-8 years.

Red Red wines

MERLOT

Merlot, which in French means 'The Little Blackbird', is known for being soft, ripe and elegant. Most Merlots are easy drinking reds that go well both with food as well as on their own. This is an approachable grape varietal and is often recommended as the first red wine someone new to red wine should drink.

Stellenbosch **Thelema Merlot** ★★★★★ **440**

The wine shows bright, red fruit and hints of spice on the nose, with concentrated flavours on the palate and soft, polished tannins. Hints of dark chocolate complete this wonderfully balanced wine.

Stellenbosch **Asara Merlot** ★★★ **290**

A complex wine, with fresh red berries and spices on the nose. Baked raspberries, sweet cherries and subtle hints of mint and vanilla unfold throughout this layered wine. A smooth, well balanced finish leaves your palate lingering for another sip.

Darling **Alexanderfontein Merlot** ★★★ **170**

Intense ruby red colour. Red berry aromas with strawberry being prominent greets the nose. Herbal notes with hints of oak and vanilla. Firm tannins with a smooth after-taste. Balanced palate with good acidity.

Red Red wines

SHIRAZ

Shiraz, alias Syrah, the wine for red wine lovers. These are bold wines with good fruit and tannins. Its inherent spicy flavour is surrounded by a combination of red and black summer berries, then laced with seductive smoky tones such as leather, often with that subtle hint of 'garrigue' as the French would say, but we prefer 'fynbos'.

Stellenbosch **Annandale Shiraz** ★★★★★ **880**

Deep ruby red with aromas of cedar, vanilla and liquorice with blackberry fruits, cassis, black cherry and violets. The palate has a soft entrance with lovely in-mouth flavours. Ripe, well-integrated tannin, balanced acidity with a persistent aftertaste.

Klein Rivier **Raka Biography** ★★★★★☆ **380**

Clean, ruby colour with spicy aromas and hints of chocolate, coffee and black fruit is forthcoming on the bouquet. These aromas follow through on a silky full body palate, with dried plum and pepper flavours. Complete structure and a full body wine with a well balanced between tannins acidity leaves a lingering taste.

Stellenbosch **Brampton Shiraz** ★★★ **240**

A deep ruby colour with a dense core, this structured wine has an attractive spectrum of flavours, from the first rich impressions of black cherries and ripe plums brushed by alluring floral notes, to integrated spicy clove and pepper nuances. Supporting oak spice on the finish enhances the primary fruit intensity.

Red Red wines

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

One of the most remarkable things about Cabernet Sauvignon is how much it tastes like Cabernet anywhere it is grown. Enjoy with your favourite steak and all tannins will disappear as it bonds with the protein in your meat.

Stellenbosch Webersburg ★★★★★☆ 470

Intense aromas of red berry fruit with gently dark chocolate and earthy notes. Fine, well-integrated tannins with layered dark fruit flavours that linger effortlessly on the finish.

Robertson Springfield Whole Berry ★★★☆ 410

Whole berry maceration is followed by fermentation with natural yeasts, racking and one year's maturation in oak barrels. The result is a velvety wine with softer tannins and classical varietal characteristics. This traditional wine is unfiltered and unrefined, which may deposit sediment.

Darling Alexanderfontein ★★☆☆ 170

This wine has an extreme bouquet of cherry, pepper and blueberries, reflecting the cool climate of Darling. Dry land farming leads to very small berries and the intense deep colour of the wine.

Red Red wine

RED BLENDS

Often called 'Cape blends' in South Africa, red blend wine can be a mix of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Sangiovese, Syrah, Merlot or any red wine. Winemakers will combine these wines in order to make a new, more complete or complex flavour to enjoy.

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| Stellenbosch | Meerlust Rubicon ★★★★★☆ | 1200 |
| | Very deep, youthful colour, with an intense, almost purple hue. Very classic Rubicon nose with violets, ripe plum, cedar wood and intense spiciness. A typical liquorice note and stony minerality also evident on the nose. Still youthful and intense, promising further maturation potential. The palate is full bodied, structured by beautifully sleek, ripe tannins which restrain the vibrant dark fruit typical of this vintage, giving the wine an opulent texture which is kept focused by the linear acidity. The wine lingers on the palate with creamy fruit mouth filling tannins. | |
| Stellenbosch | Asara Cape Fusion ★★★ | 250 |
| | A fresh profusion of raspberry, mocha and dark berry show on the nose. Ripe red fruits persevere on the finish; a sweetly lingering ending contributed by Malbec. | |
| South Africa | Matoppie Red House Blend | 190 |
| | Any wine drinker with a good palate will know the name of the Matoppie House Wine. Try it and see what you think. | |

Dessert

Dessert wines

Enjoy these wines with cheese, dessert and chocolate. Served by the glass (50ml).

France **Cordon Blanc Sauternes Grand Cru** **80**

Deep golden yellow colour with a sumptuous bouquet, and a rich elegant flavour with hints of honey and peaches.

Paarl **Glen Carlou The Welder** **35**

Natural sweet Chenin Blanc which has been handcrafted to deliver the warmth and pleasure in every drop of Cape sunshine.

Montagu **Uitvlugt Muscadel** **28**

A full, sweet choice of red muscadel with delicious muscat flavours.

Port

Port

Swartland **Allesverloren Fine Old Vintage** ★★★★★ **30**

On the nose, complex aromas of alluring ripe dark fruit and glazed cherries with a hint of smokiness and honey. On the palate, full and rich with a combination of red and black berry as well as spice flavours, and a lingering finish of roasted hazelnuts and almonds.

by the glass

Wines by the glass

Enjoy a glass of wine from our selection, which is bound to enhance the flavours of your meal. We guarantee you will find a wine to pair with every course.

WHITE WINE

Stellenbosch	Asara Sauvignon Blanc	★★★☆	85
Franschhoek	Boschendal Le Bouquet	★★☆	60
Stellenbosch	Zonnebloem Chardonnay	★★☆	70
Darling	Alexanderfontein Sauvignon Blanc	★★★☆	60
South Africa	Matoppie White House Blend		65
Olifants River	Live-a-little Slightly Sweet & Shameless	★★☆	40

ROSÉ

Paarl	Fairview Goats Do Roam		55
Tulbach	Drostdy-Hof Natural Sweet Red	★★	45

RED WINE

Klein Rivier	Raka Biography	★★★★☆	130
Wellington	Diemersfontein Pinotage	★★★☆	110
Stellenbosch	Asara Merlot	★★★	100
South Africa	Matoppie Red House Blend		65
Darling	Alexanderfontein Cabernet Sauvignon	★★☆	60

Whiskey

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Glenfiddich 18yr	150
Johnnie Walker Platinum	140
Lagavulin 16yr	150
Glenfiddich 15yr	85
Johnnie Walker Gold	80
Johnnie Walker Swing	80
Glenfiddich 12yr	50
Jameson 12yr	48
Glenlivet 12yr	55
Glenmorangie 10yr	48
Chivas Regal 12 yr	40
Johnnie Walker Black	35
Johnnie Walker Red	22



Cognac

Exclusive cognacs & brandies

- Rémy Martin XO** 530
The myriad of aromas of floral, fruity and spicy tones filters through into a velvet texture and opulent density giving a superior mellow.
- Hennessy XO** 420
Darker and much more complex than VSOP, with appealing leather and tobacco notes and a touch of spice in great cigar cognac.
- Rémy Martin VSOP** 140
The market leader and the reference for its pedigree and smooth taste.
- Hennessy Privilège VSOP** 130
Hennessy Privilège VSOP is a complex blend which reveals honeyed fruit flavours punctuated by delicate scents of cloves and cinnamon spice.
- Hennessy VS** 85
Woody and nutty, with a little sweetness. Develops rounded floral notes, with elements of berries, vanilla spice and plenty of oak later on.
- KWV 20yr** 95
Delicate floral bouquet and matured Port wine aroma balanced by well-developed nutty and oaky flavours.
- KWV 15yr** 58
Complex dried fruit, mainly peaches and raisins, with a floral bouquet, subtle port aroma, enhanced with delicate spiciness and rounded off with hints of raspberries, vanilla and nuts.

