

**PINOTAGE**

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**River Grandeur 2009\*  
(Viljoensdrift)**

CELLAR PRICE: R75

ALC 14.64% TA 3.6g/l VA 5.7g/l pH 3.53

Upfront black cherries, dark plums and chocolate on the nose. Palate oozes sweet dark fruit mingling with smooth oak tannin balanced by a refreshing acidity and a persistent savoury finish. Drink now – 2013.

DB 17 | WB 18 | CF 17 | WP 17 | CH 18

**Spencer Bay 2008  
(Namaqua Wines)**

CELLAR PRICE: R75

ALC 14.1% TA 2.9g/l VA 6.3g/l pH 3.49

Milk chocolate, plums and walnut aromas on the nose. The palate zings with juicy ripe black cherries and plums. A firm tannin backing and a bright acidity. Savoury aftertaste. Drink now – 2014.

DB 18 | WB 16 | CF 16 | WP 17 | CH 18

**Boland Cellar Reserve No 1 2009**

CELLAR PRICE: R77

ALC 14.29% TA 2.3g/l VA 6g/l pH 3.89

Ripe plums and spicy oak on the nose. Full-bodied with mulberry, dark cherry and spice on the palate. Finely balanced with a firm tannin grip and smooth, savoury aftertaste. Drink now – 2013.

DB 17 | WB 17 | CF 17 | WP 17 | CH 17

**Windmeul Reserve 2009**

CELLAR PRICE: R80

ALC 15.49% TA 2.8g/l VA 5.4g/l pH 3.45

Aromas of blackberry, plums and vanilla oak on the nose. The palate is broody and rich with sumptuous bright blueberry and plum fruit supported by balanced tannins and a fresh acidity. Drink now – 2014.

DB 17 | WB 17 | CF 17 | WP 17 | CH 17

**Rijk's Reserve 2007**

CELLAR PRICE: R190

ALC 15.24% TA 2.2g/l VA 5.9g/l pH 3.66

Mulberry, fynbos and a hint of dark chocolate on the nose. Elegant, juicy sweet fruit wrapped around a core of ripe, firm tannin. Never-ending savoury-sweet aftertaste. Drink now – 2016.

DB 17 | WB 17 | CF 17 | WP 17 | CH 17



**BEST VALUE – TOP FIVE PINOTAGE  
WINES ON PRICE**

Wines rated 2½ Stars or better and recommended for particularly good value on the basis of their quality/price ratio in the context of the average price per bottle of the 151 wines assessed:

NAME OF WINE	RATING	PRICE
Allée Bleue Starlette 2009*	4 Stars	R34
Windmeul Kelder 2009	4 Stars	R36
Meerkat 2009 (Schalk Burger & Sons)*	4 Stars	R40
Eagle's Cliff 2010*	3 Stars	R30
Fives Reserve 2010 (Van Loveren)	3½ Stars	R36.92

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**Allée Bleue Starlette 2009\***

CELLAR PRICE: R34

ALC 15.29% TA 1.8g/l VA 5.6g/l pH 3.88

Nose displays sweet plums and spice. Inviting juicy black berries and spice on the palate, accessible tannins and a savoury moreish finish. For early enjoyment. Drink now – 2012.

DB 17 | WB 16 | CF 17 | WP 16 | CH 15

**Windmeul Kelder 2009**

CELLAR PRICE: R36

ALC 14.69% TA 1.9g/l VA 5.4g/l pH 3.45

Fynbos and ripe plums on the nose. Palate is juicy and sweet, balanced by a firm tannic grip and a lively acidity. Drink now – 2012.

DB 17 | WB 16 | CF 17 | WP 16 | CH 15

**Meerkat 2009\*  
(Schalk Burger & Sons)**

CELLAR PRICE: R40

ALC 14.45% TA 4.3g/l VA 5.2g/l pH 3.49

Violet, black cherry and vanilla on the nose. The palate abounds with flavours of ripe mulberry and savoury plums. Medium-bodied with well-structured tannins and a long aftertaste. Drink now – 2012.

DB 17 | WB 16 | CF 17 | WP 16 | CH 16



**ARE YOU  
GETTING WHAT  
YOU PAY FOR?**

Average price per 750ml bottle of the 151 wines assessed:

**R86**

Average price per 750ml bottle of the 18 wines rated 4 to 4½ Stars:

**R104**

Average price per 750ml bottle of the 58 wines rated 3 to 3½ Stars:

**R96**

Average price per 750ml bottle of the 55 wines rated 2 to 2½ Stars:

**R68**

Average price per 750ml bottle of the 20 wines rated less than 2 Stars:

**R92**

**Neethlingshof 2005**

CELLAR PRICE: R60

ALC 15.4% TA 2.9g/l VA 6.33g/l pH 3.25

Pure blackberry and spice on the nose. The palate is smooth and mellow with a lovely balanced melange of ripe plums, dark berries, chocolate and vanilla spice with a lifting, savoury finish. Drink now – 2013.

DB 16 | WB 17 | CF 17 | WP 17 | CH 16

**The Very Posh Pinotage 2008  
(Cloof)**

CELLAR PRICE: R75

ALC 15.5% TA 4g/l VA 6.2g/l pH 3.74

Nose offers red cherry, fynbos and plum. Rich and robust on the palate with plum,

cherry and raspberry fruit balanced by firm grippy tannins and a refreshing acidity. Drink now – 2013.

DB 17 | WB 16 | CF 16 | WP 15 | CH 16

### Spencer Bay 2007 (Namaqua Wines)

CELLAR PRICE: R75

14.28% 2.6g/l 6g/l 3.61

Earthy, dark berries on the nose. The palate is rich with loads of sweet plums, robust oak flavours and a bright acidity. Medium-bodied with a savoury aftertaste. Drink now – 2013.

DB 16 | WB 16 | CF 16 | WP 17 | CH 16

### Durbanville Hills Rhinofields 2009

CELLAR PRICE: R116

14.67% 2.5g/l 5.4g/l 3.52

Deep ruby with ripe plums and violet aromas. Pure, juicy dark berry fruit on the palate with soft, integrated tannins and a lively finish. Drink now – 2013.

DB 18 | WB 17 | CF 17 | WP 16 | CH 15

### Rijk's Private Cellar 2006

CELLAR PRICE: R130

14.78% 2.5g/l 5.2g/l 3.5

Deep ruby colour with dark fruit and vanilla on the nose. The palate seduces with rich plum compote, mulberry and balanced tannins and acidity. Smooth and rich finish. Drink now – 2013.

DB 16 | WB 17 | CF 16 | WP 17 | CH 16

### Neethlingshof

#### The Short Story Collection The Owl Post 2009

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICE: R132.39

14.38% 2.3g/l 5.5g/l 3.7

Powerful blockbuster nose oozes ripe, sweet black fruit, oak, spice and leather with excellent balance and tannin integration. For the long haul. Drink 2012-2016.

DB 15 | WB 16 | CF 16 | WP 17 | CH 19

### Spier Private Collection 2008

CELLAR PRICE: R148

14.56% 2.9g/l 5.8g/l 3.62

Lavender, plums, fynbos and mulberry on the nose. Full-bodied with rich berries bal-



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anced by powerful tannins and acidity. Lingering savoury finish. Drink now – 2015.

DB 18 | WB 17 | CF 16 | WP 16 | CH 16

### Pella Thomas Se Dolland 2008

CELLAR PRICE: R150

14.04% 2.8g/l 5.2g/l 3.57

Spicy plum compote and sweet vanilla on the nose. Full-bodied with luscious, dense dark berries and sweet spice mingling with supple tannins and a delicious acidity.

Drink now – 2015.

DB 16 | WB 17 | CF 16 | WP 17 | CH 17

### Bosman Family Vineyards 2009

CELLAR PRICE: R180

14.27% 3.1g/l 6g/l 3.7

Plums, mulberry, vanilla and dark chocolate on the nose. Full-bodied with sweet, rich black fruit, firm, ripe tannins and a long savoury aftertaste. Drink now – 2016.

DB 18 | WB 16 | CF 15 | WP 16 | CH 17

### Neil Ellis

#### Vineyard Selection 2008

CELLAR PRICE: R200

14.5% 1.69g/l 5.4g/l 3.61

Intense vibrant ruby with a highly perfumed nose of lavender, black cherry and fynbos. Firm, ripe tannins and a bright acidity round off this elegant wine. Lingering sweet spice aftertaste. Drink now – 2015.

DB 17 | WB 16 | CF 16 | WP 16 | CH 18



Fives Reserve 2010 (Van Loveren) R36.92

Broken Stone 2006 (Slaley) R42

Rooiberg Winery Reserve 2009 R59.50

Remhoogte 2009 R75

Jacksons Limited Release 2009

(Stanford Hills) R75

Boland Cellar Reserve No 1 2008 R77

Springfontein Terroir Selection 2007 R85

Kaapzicht 2008 R90

Warwick Old Bush Vines 2009\* R95

Devon Heights 2007

(Waterstone Wines) R96.90

Diemersfontein Carpe Diem 2008 R125

Kanonkop Pinotage 2009 R139

Springfontein Jonathan's Ridge

Single Vineyard 2008 R139

KWV Mentors 2009 R140

Lesebo 2008 (Spier) R149

Southern Right 2009 R150



Eagle's Cliff 2010\* R30

Drostdy-Hof

Winemakers Collection 2010 ARP R32

Tall Horse 2010 ARP R32

Welmoed 2010 R34

Horse Mountain 2010\* R36.48

Jason's Hill 2009 R39

Simonsvlei Premier Selection 2009\* R40

Broken Stone 2007 (Slaley) R47

StellenRust 2008 R50

Hartenberg 2007 R55

Nederburg

The Winemaster's Reserve 2009 R57

Rhebokskloof Estate 2009 R62

Eikendal 2009 R65

Devon Rocks 2008 R70

Devon Rocks 2005 R70

Maison de Teijger 2008 R75

Fort Simon 2007 R75

Stellenzicht

Golden Triangle 2008 ARP R78.72

Slaley 2006 R79

Meerendal 2006 R80

Rijk's Touch of Oak 2009 R85

Signatures of Doolhof 2008 (Doolhof) R86

Simonsig Woolworths 2008 R89.95

Onderkloof Schapenberg

Single Vineyard 2007 R90

Beaumont 2008 R95

Tukulu 2008 ARP R95.77

Diemersdal Reserve 2009 R96

Beyerskloof Reserve 2008 R100

Greywacke 2008 Cape Chamonix R100

Sumaridge 2008 R110

Sumaridge 2007 R110

Indalo 2008 R110

Allée Bleue 2008 R120

Wildekrans Barrel Select Osiris 2008 R125

Indalo 2007 (Swartland) R130

Rijk's Private Cellar 2007 R130