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The Conservatory

Wine List



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Our Favourite Overberg Region Wines

Hemel & Aarde Valley

Seven Springs Vineyard is situated in the Hemel en Aarde valley, between Hermanus and Caledon. Due to the cool sea breezes, nearby ocean and rich mineral soils the wine estate is producing some of the most exceptional wines in the world. Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc are all typically finicky vines but in the Hemel en Aarde valley they thrive. Wine maker: Riana van der Merwe.

Hermanuspietersfontein 1855. Nestled between the mountains some 50 km's from Cape Agulhas and 25 km's from Walker Bay is the farm in Sondagskloof. While the cool climatic conditions bring out the natural acidity and the high clay content soil allows the farm to deliver a range of elegant European styled wines. Good Earth makes Better Wines.

Malgas

Sijnn is the original Khoisan name for the Breede River. This exciting new vineyard was established in 2004 on a stony plateau between the hamlet of Malgas and the fishing village of Cape Infanta. The idea behind Sijnn is to grow warm-climate varieties in this cool climate and, presumably, push things to the limit. Winemaker David Trafford has long been a terroirist and is inspired by the slate and rolled stone plateau on which this new vineyard sits.

Elgin

Charles Fox, originally a fruit farm, Furneaux, located in the rolling hills of the Elgin Valley, was purchased by Charles and Zelda Fox in 2005 after an inter-regional search for Cap Classique-specific terroir. Wines are made by French Champagne consultant Nicolas Follet. Only estate-grown grapes are used in the wine. Gentle whole bunch pressing is used.



Brede River Valley

De Wetshof Estate. The name De Wetshof has been synonymous with the production of fine wines in South Africa since the 1970's. As the first registered wine estate in the Robertson Wine Valley, De Wetshof has become known internationally as South Africa's eminent Chardonnay House due to the pioneering role it played in introducing this grape to the country. The De Wet family's winemaking heritage can, however, be traced back to 1694 when the first De Wet's arrived at the Cape.

Weltevrede Wine Estate is a family owned and managed estate in the Robertson Valley, set just outside Bonnievale. Vineyards date from 1912. This estate has flourished under four generations of the Jonker family, and they have become known for inspiring wines, nurtured to express the qualities of unique terroir.

Van Loveren Family Farm lies on the beautiful country road between Robertson and Bonnievale, in the Brede River Valley. The family's philosophy of grape-growing and winemaking is based on a long-term uncompromising approach to producing only premium quality wine, maximizing the natural varietal fruit flavours from carefully selected quality grapes.

Springfield Estate is a vibrant, family-run wine farm. It is owned by the Bruwer family. Fourth-generation farmers and ninth-generation descendants of the Bruères, French Huguenots who came to South Africa from the Loire in 1688 with bundles of vines. Old fashioned methods still find a place in this cellar where 80% of the harvest is fermented with native yeast and most wines are bottled unfiltered. Winemaker: Abrie Bruwer is passionate about wine and his policy of minimal intervention in the cellar has established the estate's reputation as a serious producer of world-class wines.

Silverthorn Wines produces an exciting range of top end, Methode Cap Classique (MCC) wines, which have undergone a natural, secondary fermentation in the bottle. Silverthorn Farm has the perfect terroir for the production of exceptional sparkling wines, on the banks of the Brede River, between Robertson and Bonnievale. The farm is among only a handful of producers who have dedicated their expertise solely to the production of this elegant style of wine. Owner/Winemaker John Loubser is a member of the prestigious Cape Winemakers Guild, an association of some of South Africa's finest winemakers.



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Jan Harmsgat Wine Collection. Established in 1723, JHG farm is situated along the foothills of the Langeberg Mountains between Ashton and Swellendam. Their philosophy is to create delicious single-block wines of exceptional quality. The JHG vinification process is conducted with the minimal interference, using spontaneous fermentation and no enzymes added. Maturation takes place in neutral vessels.

Graham Beck's Robertson estate, Madeba, is situated in the breathtaking Breede River Valley bordering the semi-arid Little Karoo region. Our extensive vine renewal programme has yielded outstanding results with both our red and white varieties. Great care is taken to match the unique micro-climates and diverse soil types to the most suitable varieties. The unique dry, cool climate of the Robertson region combined with the rich limestone soils produce wines with universal appeal and star quality.

Bushmanspad Estate a top-quality red wine project situated high on the slopes of the spectacular Langeberg mountains in the Western Cape of South Africa, offering high class wine and accommodation. The name of the farm relates to the time when the Bushmen came over the mountains to do trading in the valley. The old trail and the kloof in the rocks above the water dam still shows records of those days.

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Mourvedre and Malbec cultivars have been established high on the mountain slopes taking full advantage of the unique climate along the Langeberg Mountains. Bushmanspad has proven over the years that the terroir creates award winning wines. The Robertson valley is blessed with rich alluvial soil, consistent summer temperatures, low annual rainfall and light humidity.

Klein Karoo

Joubert-Tradauw is a family-owned private cellar in the Tradouw Valley in the Klein Karoo/Little Karoo region on the famous R62 route. The farm is located just outside the picturesque village of Barrydale. Life around here is mainly about two things: fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Step into the clean, crisp air and onto the rich, fertile soil of the Tradouw Valley.

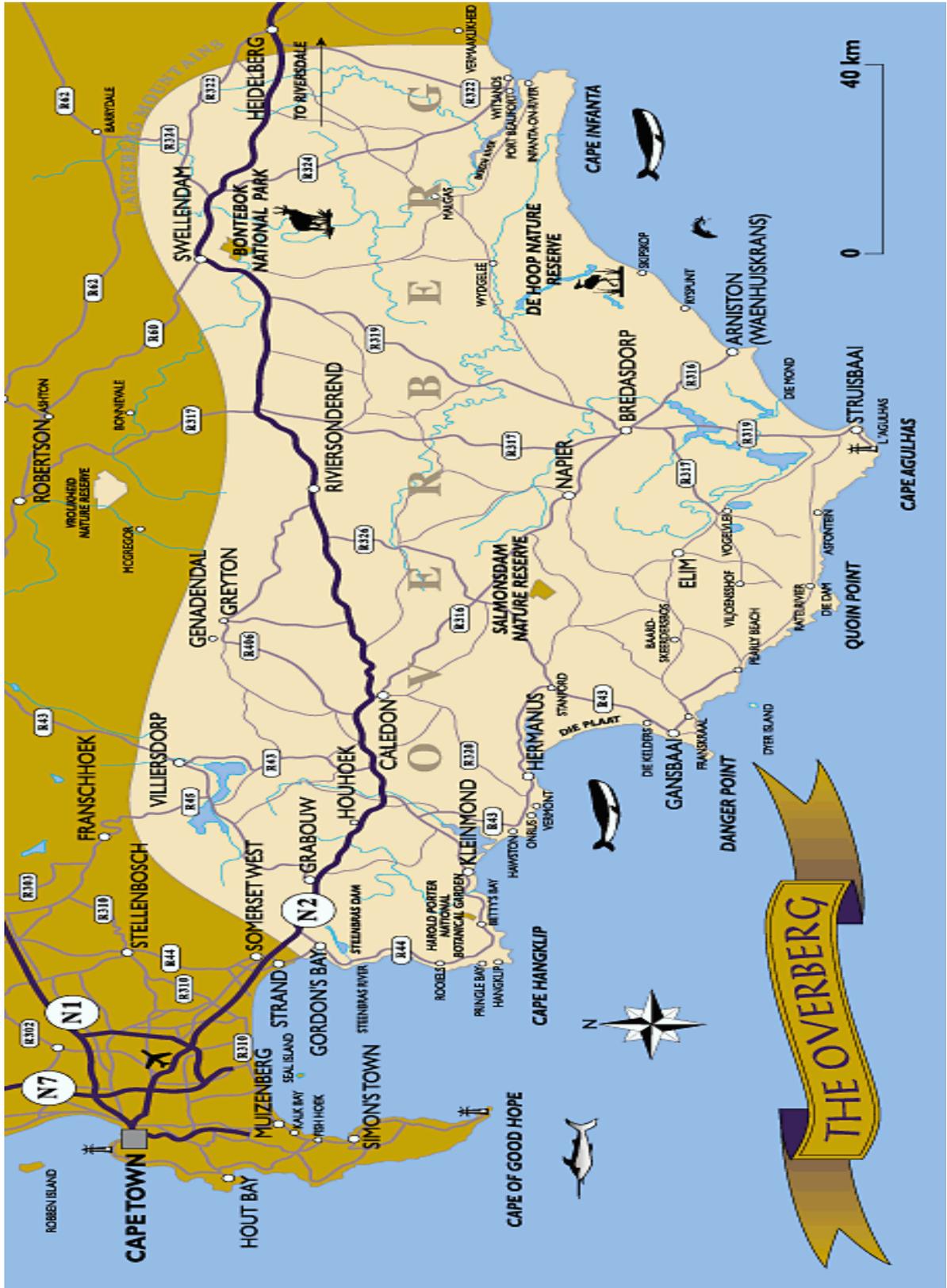
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Corkage is charged at R 60 per bottle.**

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Methode Cap Classique

	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Graham Beck Brut (375 ml)	160	n/a
The Pinot Noir/Chardonnay grapes for this Cap Classic were whole bunch pressed to ensure only the finest quality juice. A perfect aperitif style with yeasty aromas, limey fresh fruit, rich creamy complexity. Fine mousse, fresh finesse & whiffs of minerality.		
Van Loveren FC Sauvignon Blanc Brut (Sparkling Wine)	170	60
A fragrant wine, gentle honeysuckle perfume, luscious apricots, nougat, rich tropical fruit salad. Enjoy as an aperitif, or paired with spicy oriental food, fruit and desserts.		
Weltevrede Phillip Jonker "Entheos" Brut	300	n/a
A pale coloured MCC. Delicate stream of bubbles, creamy & biscuit notes, hints of green pear & lemon, a slight smokiness on the finish. 60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir.		
Silverthorn "The Genie" NV Rosé	450	n/a
<i>"Magic in a bottle..."</i> 100% shiraz, bright onion skin, fine twisted bead of bubbles. Exotic bouquet of Turkish delight and rose water. Fresh raspberries & sherbet flavours supported by a velvety texture, fine mousse and lengthy finish. <i>Pairs well with salmon, parma ham and strawberries.</i>		
Charles Fox Vintage Brut	500	n/a
Pale gold, brilliant with fine elegant bubbles. Apples, pear & a hint of lime with almond undertones, white summer fruits, brioche and a complex creamy mid palate. 40% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir and 20% Pinot Meunier.		
Silverthorn "Jewel Box"	600	n/a
<i>"Come quickly, I am drinking the stars"</i> Light straw yellow with elegant fine bubbles. Complex aromas of roasted almonds, marzipan and subtle hints of strawberry and cherry compote followed by zesty citrus nuances. Dry, rich and full, soft toasty creaminess with a beautiful palate weight. <i>Delightful with grilled game fish, roasted quail.</i>		

Did you know? In South Africa, a sparkling wine which is made in the traditional Champagne style is known as a 'Methode Cap Classique', or MCC.



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Whites

	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Van Loveren Pinot Grigio	140	45
<i>Fruit-driven Pinot Grigio with aromas of white pear & honey. Food-friendly wine with a complex, lingering finish. Ideal with shellfish, fish dishes, chicken, summer salads, cold cuts & a variety of vegetarian dishes.</i>		
Van Loveren Five's Reserve Chenin Blanc	140	45
<i>Guava and tropical fruit. Rich fruit filled, crisp palate, lingering finish. Pairs well with grilled fish, glazed gammon and curries.</i>		
Sijnn White	200	n/a
<i>Barrel fermented blend of Chenin Blanc, Viognier & Roussanne. Typical straw yellow colour. An attractive pithy stone fruit, honey and mineral nose of great complexity and subtlety. Wonderfully complex, layered flavours that linger on to a long finish. Excellent with a wide range of food from fish, seafood, creamy poultry or as an aperitif.</i>		
Hermanuspietersfontein "Bloos"	210	65
<i>Bordeaux style rosé from Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc. Strawberries & cream, fresh red fruit, supple & round, freshness, complex palate. Turkish delight.</i>		
Van Loveren Chardonnay	140	45
<i>Lightly wooded, medium bodied dry white. Clean, citrus & light smoky, nutty tones on the palate. Pairs well with creamy pasta dishes, roast pork, veal, grilled fish, cape salmon & chicken.</i>		



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	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Seven Springs Chardonnay	240	n/a
Dry, crisp and smooth. An abundance of fresh ripe white peach & melon aromas, beautifully balanced palate with concentrated rich tropical fruits. Zesty acidity & a hint of gentle toasted oak. <i>Pairing with chicken, fish and pork dishes, also great with cured meats and roasted vegetables.</i>		
Jan Harmsgat Chardonnay	250	n/a
A zesty style, the JHG cultivar presents with citrus, stone fruit and hints of pineapple. On the palate it is rich with a round mouth feel, yet very elegant. <i>Pairs well with fish, poultry and pasta.</i>		
De Wetshof Finesse Chardonnay	250	70
The soil's limestone & clay components help the vines to develop strong citrus flavours with a pronounced nuttiness on the mid-palate, clean finish with zesty citrus notes. <i>Enjoy with leg of lamb, grilled or barbecued meat, as well as seafood and grilled fish.</i>		
Bushmanspad Sauvignon Blanc	160	55
Bright with a slight green tint. Abundant citrus and tropical fruit. A balanced palate with a variety of citrus and tropical fruit that lingers and is supported by a beautiful refreshing acidity. An everyday Sauvignon Blanc wine with flavours of tropical and citrus fruit complemented by a crisp refreshing acidity.		
Seven Springs Sauvignon Blanc	180	65
Pale straw, light, almost honeysuckle, lime blossom aromas with cut grass hints. Fresh and zesty but not overly concentrated, fine, faintly passion fruit finish. <i>Pairs well with fish, shellfish & oysters.</i>		



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	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Springfield “Life from Stone” Sauvignon Blanc	210	70
<p>Single vineyard origin from the farm’s rockiest soil, ensure wines of intense concentration. Brilliant greenish in appearance, this is a dramatic wine full of ripe red peppers and passion fruit. The “<i>Life from Stone</i>” has an almost cult following in South Africa. <i>Pairs well with fish, shellfish and cream based pasta’s.</i></p>		
Springfield “Miss Lucy”	220	75
<p>Miss Lucy is a nickname given to the Red Stump nose by the fisherman of the Southern Cape. Like many other marine species, the Miss Lucy has been overexploited and is now critically endangered. This unique blend of Sauvignon, Semillon and Pinot Gris, which has been 12 years to perfect, bursts with citrus pamplemousse flavours and an ample mouth feel, yet is remarkably moderate in alcohol.</p>		
Jan Harmsgat Sauvignon Blanc	220	n/a
<p>Crisp, elegant and fresh, JHG’s cultivar presents with light notes of green fig and gooseberries on the palate. With six months on the lees and no wood maturation, its nose is fruit driven with a gentle, lingering aroma.</p>		



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Reds

	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Weltevrede “Cherrychoc’ Merlot	180	65
Intense flavours of plums & bitter espresso. Pleasant dry finish, black pepper & dark chocolate. <i>Pairs well with braai meats, steak, meaty pastas, smoked chicken and pork.</i>		
Springfield “The Work of Time”	320	n/a
Bordeaux style blend. Ripe loganberry & blackberry fruit with hints of chocolate. Mainly Merlot, with Cabernet, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Twenty-four months’ barrel maturation in French oak. <i>Pairs well with poultry dishes, beef, lamb and venison.</i>		
Seven Springs Pinot Noir	250	n/a
A beautifully balanced, vibrant wine showing a complexity that belies the age of the vines. Pale garnet in colour, with delicate woodland and truffle aromas, the wine offers opulent red berry fruits, cherries and strawberries. The oak, as always, is subtle, supporting the lingering crisp finish.		
Bushmanspad Malbec	230	n/a
Deep garnet. Intense berry fruits. Medium bodied and well balanced with notes of berry fruits complemented by soft tannins. A well-integrated and lingering Malbec with pronounced flavours of berries and cassis nuances, silky smooth tannins and a juicy palate.		
Joubert-Tradauw Syrah	260	n/a
An excellent example of a fresh yet complex Syrah. A full and lively effect on the palate with a spicy cherry note and hint of guava. Earthy with soft tannins and good acidity followed by a lingering finish. A handsome companion to a beautiful piece of fillet, or a delicate and rich dessert like a chocolate soufflé.		



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	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Bushmanspad The Menno	450	n/a
Bright Maroon. Concentrate berry fruit and spice. Full bodied with ripe dark berry and sweet cinnamon spice flavours, complemented by the complexity of the oak. A well-integrated blend with a good balance between ripe dark berries, sweet cinnamon spice and white pepper nuisance creates an intrigued palate complemented with fair amounts of oak.		
Hermanuspietersfontein Shiraz “Die Martha”	500	n/a
Traditional blend of Shiraz, Mourvedre, Viognier with a potential of Grenache. Deep ruby to brick red. Made in the old-world style that translates to elegant spices and slight smokiness on the palate. Matured in 50% new and 50% 2 nd fill French oak barrels. Generous mouthfeel, smooth tannins, persistent and lingering finish.		
Sijnn Red	500	n/a
Sijnn's flagship red blend aims to showcase the very best wine this winery's unique terroir can produce. This blend comprised Shiraz, Mourvedre, Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira and Cabernet Sauvignon. Slate, wild berries, herbs, nuts & subtle liquorice and barrel maturation character are found on the nose. The substantial palate is rich texture and layered with a beautiful savoury, mineral character, typical of all these Malgas wines, on the finish.		
Joubert-Tardauw R62	260	n/a
This classic red is named after the Route 62 highway that passes through the beautiful Tradouw Valley. Matured in French oak for twenty months, bottled unfiltered. The cultivars that make up this classic blend (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc) were matured separately using only the best barrels. A complex note gives away to underlying tones of raspberries, blackberries and red fruit, followed by a lingering herbal finish.		
Van Loveren “Blackberry” Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	150	50
Soft plum & blackberry flavours. <i>Pairs well with roast meat dishes, pork, lamb, venison, ham, duck & cheese.</i>		



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	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Van Loveren Five's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	150	50
Rich plum & mint on the nose, blackcurrant, lead pencil & cigar box on the palate. Soft, toasty finish. <i>A great companion for quail, steak & kidney dishes, meaty casseroles.</i>		
Springfield "Whole Berry" Cabernet Sauvignon	280	n/a
Whole berry maceration is followed by fermentation with natural yeasts, racking and one year's maturation in oak barrels. Velvety wine with softer tannins & classical varietal characteristics. Twelve months' maturation in French oak.		
Jan Harmsgat Cabernet Sauvignon	300	n/a
The dark fruity flavours of the JHG Cabernet present with plumbs and black currants, wrapped together with a minty undertone. With its natural full-bodied traits and round, rolling palate it is low in tannin and acidity.		
Van Loveren "African Java" Pinotage	150	50
A truly South African cultivar. Flavours of mocha, chocolate & coffee. Soft tannins. <i>Pairs well with hearty red meat dishes, venison, lamb, curry, game birds & meat stews.</i>		
Jan Harmsgat Pinotage	550	n/a
Pinotage grapes were first created in 1925 and only seem to grow well in South Africa. Our JHG Pinotage is dense in colour and bold in flavour with notes of cigar box, banana tones and cherries. With gentle, ripe tannins on the palate, expect a sweet note on the finish.		



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Dessert Wines

	<i>Bottle</i>	<i>Glass</i>
Van Loveren Cape Ruby Port This harmoniously blended, traditionally produced Port shows good fruit on the nose, dark berry & spices. Smooth, lingering finish.	n/a	40
Van Loveren Red Muscadel This red Muscadel is a sweet, full-bodied dessert wine with abundant tropical fruit on the nose and palate & characteristic sun ripened raisin flavours on the soft, lingering aftertaste.	n/a	40
Sedgwick's Old Brown Sherry OBS was launched in 1916 making it South Africa's first and original old brown sherry and has gained cult status amongst many South Africans across race, age and income. Sedgwick's Old Brown Sherry is a sherry made in the Spanish Oloroso style to give it a sweeter taste and nutty brown colour.	n/a	20
Monis Medium Cream Sherry Monis Medium Cream Sherry is silky smooth with a hint of sweetness and a nutty character. Bright, pale, natural gold in colour, the sherry holds butterscotch and pine needle on the nose.	n/a	20



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House Favourites

Campari & Soda

A bitter infusion of herbs & fruit softened with soda water or fresh orange juice.

Absolute Pleasure

(non-alcoholic)

A blend of lime cordial, lemonade, dry lemon & fresh sliced lemon.

Steelworks

(non-alcoholic)

A combination of lime cordial, cola tonic, ginger ale & bitters.

Zimbabwean Rock Shandy

(non-alcoholic)

Fidiney' s own concoction of passion fruit, soda, lemonade, bitters & fresh sliced lemon.

Mimosa

A stunning balance of fresh orange juice & sparkling wine.



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Beverages

Bottled Water	35	Aperitifs & Liqueurs	
Still or Sparkling (750 ml)		- Based on double measures -	
		Wildebraam Liqueurs	20
Cordials		Campari	30
<i>passion fruit, cola tonic, lime</i>	10	Amarula	20
Soft drinks	20	Van der Hum	20
Apple or Grapetiser	25	Peppermint	20
Glass of fresh juice	45	Schnapps	20
		Kahlua	30
		Jagermeister	40
Local Craft Beer	50		
		Spirits	
Beer & Ciders	25	Vodka, Gin, Rum, Bacardi, Tequila	25
Local Beer			
<i>Castle, Windhoek Lager & Lite</i>			
Windhoek Draught	35		
Savannah Cider	25	Local Craft Gin	30
Whisky			
J & B, Bells, Southern Comfort	25		
Jameson's, JW Black, Jack Daniels,			
Glen Grant, Bains, Bushmills	35		
Brandy			
Van Loveren 5 year, Klipdrift Premium,	30		
KWV 5 year			
Klipdrift Red	20		

