

# RISSINGTON INN WINE LIST

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We serve only South African wines and our aim is to provide an interesting range with different characteristics at very reasonable prices. We like talking about wine as much as we love drinking it so please ask us about your chosen wine!



The glass symbol indicates a wine available by the glass. And why not try a glass of delicious chilled red or white **Muscadel** with your chosen dessert (R16/glass).

If all be well that I do think,  
There are five reasons we should drink:  
Good wine - a friend - or being dry  
Or lest we should be by and by -  
Or any other reason why.  
Henry Aldrich 1647-1710

Drink wine, and you will sleep well.  
Sleep, and you will not sin.  
Avoid sin, and you will be saved.  
Ergo, drink wine and be saved.  
German proverb

## SOUTH AFRICAN RED WINES

DURING THE HOT LOWVELD SUMMER WE KEEP A FEW BOTTLES OF ALL OUR RED WINES IN THE COLD ROOM FOR THOSE WHO PREFER FRANCE'S ROOM TEMPERATURE TO HAZYVIEW'S. PLEASE ASK FOR A CHILLED BOTTLE ...

### **Allesverloren Tinta Barocca R260 ★★★**

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2014

Riebeek-West - WO Swartland (Est. 1704)

Leading wine from rare grape in SA. Full-bodied, fruity, plum and fynbos on balance. Lightly oaked. Recommended with the fillet. 14% Alc. /Vol.

### **Alto Estate Rouge R210 ★★★★★**

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2014

Paradyskloof - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1906)

Fantastic old favourite - blend of Shiraz and Bordeaux. Ripe fruitcake nose. Really!  
14% Alc. /Vol.

### **Backsberg Klein Babylons Toren R380 ★★★★★**

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2013

Paarl - WO Coastal (Est. 1916)

Graceful Cabernet/Merlot blend. Well-balanced with long savoury conclusion. Maybe with the stroganoff? 14% Alc. /Vol.

### **Backsberg Merlot R250 ★★★☆**

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2014

Paarl - WO Coastal (Est. 1916)

Belies its lowly rating. A lovely, lightly-oaked Merlot which slips down very easily. This is also a kosher wine. 14% Alc. /Vol.

## Groote Post Old Man's Blend - Magnum (1.5 litres) R320

★★★★

2015

Darling - WO Coastal (Est. 1999)

Accessible juicy melange, mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with some Shiraz and Cabernet Franc.  
14% Alc. /Vol.

## Hamilton-Russell Pinot Noir R550

★★★★☆

2015

Hermanus - WO Hemel-en-Aarde (Est. 1975)

Pioneering South African Pinot Noir. Classic, bright and light. A king amongst wines. Well worth its higher price-tag. 13.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Haute-Cabrière Pinot Noir R490

★★★★☆

2013

Franschhoek - WO Franschhoek (Est. 1982)

Toffee cherr-drop aromas with a smooth finish. A polished wine! Try it chilled with a starter.  
14% Alc. /Vol.

## Kanonkop Pinotage R530

★★★★☆

2014

Stellenbosch - WO Simonsberg-Stellenbosch (Est. 1910)

Mocha eclipses spicy red fruity aromas. Juicy dark plum flavours. A Cape benchmark!  
14.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Kleine Zalze Gamay Noir R180

★★★

2015

Stellenbosch - WO Coastal (Est. 1695)

A gentle grape. Brimming with red berry fruit. No wood. A rare find. 13% Alc. /Vol.

## Laborie Merlot R210

★★★



R52

2015

Paarl - WO Paarl (Est. 1691)

Creamy, smooth, red berries - combine the curries or the pastas with this one! 14% Alc. /Vol.

## Middelvlei Pinotage-Merlot R250

★★★

2014

Devon Valley - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1919)

50/50 blend. Smoky-toned dark berries. Rich, silky tannins - very popular. 13.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Mulderbosch Faithful Hound R350

★★★★☆

2015

Stellenbosch - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1989)

Complex and complete Bordeaux blend. Big & bold but balanced. Long dry finish. 14% Alc. /Vol.

**Rainbow's End Cabernet Franc R410 ★★★★★**

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2013

Stellenbosch - WO Banghoek (Est. 1978)

Intense rich fruit and juicy palate with layers of dark chocolate and coffee. Delicious with curry.  
14% Alc. /Vol.

**Rupert and Rothschild Classique R330 ★★★★★**

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2014

Paarl - WO Western Cape (Est. 1997)

Fresh and Classic. Savoury rather than fruity, with restrained notes of smoke. Firm tannin.  
14% Alc. /Vol.

**Rust-en-Vrede Shiraz R450 ★★★★★**

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2013

Stellenbosch - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1694)

Plush and velvety, strong pepper and smoky dark fruit flavours. Delightfully hedonistic!  
14.5% Alc. /Vol.

**Springfield Whole Berry Cabernet Sauvignon R350 ★★★★★☆**

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R87

2014

Breede River Valley - WO Robertson (Est. 1995)

Currants, mulberry and a hint of woodsmoke - organic - wonderful with the Fillet.  
13.5% Alc. /Vol.

**Thierry and Guy Fat Bastard Shiraz R230 ★★★**

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2014

Breede River Valley - WO Robertson (Est. 1995)

Robust, but juicy, a dollop sugar adding the expected podginess. Originated in Pays d'Oc, France, but produced in SA by Robertson Winery. A Rissington favourite! 14% Alc. /Vol.

**Uitkyk Carlonet Cabernet Sauvignon R310 ★★★★★**

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2012

Stellenbosch - WO Simonsberg-Stellenbosch (Est. 1712)

A Classic oak matured Cabernet, smooth, full bodied with a hint of ripe berries. One for the meats!  
14% Alc. /Vol.

**Zandvliet Shiraz 750ml - R230 / Magnum (1.5 litres) - R480 ★★★**

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R62

2014

2011

Ashton - WO Robertson (Est. 1867)

Sweet-spicy oaky Shiraz, more nuts and spices than fruit - absolutely world-class. 14% Alc. /Vol.

## BLANCS DE NOIR & ROSÉS

### **Boschendal Blanc de Noir R140 ★★☆☆**

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R35

2016

Franschhoek - WO Simonsberg (Est. 1685)

Delicious red-fruited lunchtime off-dry with a salad or a trout dish. 13.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Groot Constantia Blanc de Noir R220 ★★★**

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2015

Constantia - WO Constantia (Est. 1685)

From the oldest and most historic of wine farms in South Africa. Coral pink. 11.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Goats Do Roam Rosé R170 ★★☆☆**

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R43

2016

Paarl - WO Coastal (Est. 1998)

Shiraz-led Rhone, light floral notes, cherry and herb. Dry finish. (And the red is called Bored Doe!)  
13.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Nederburg Rosé R110 ★★★**

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2015

Paarl - WO Paarl (Est. 1792)

Semi-sweet, Cinsaut-based blended with Gamay. A quaffer. 13% Alc. /Vol.

## CHAMPAGNE-STYLE CAP CLASSIQUES AND SPARKLING WINES

### **Pierre Jourdan Brut N/V R350**

★★★★☆

Franschhoek - WO Franschhoek (Est. 1982)

100% Pinot Noir, rich strawberry and cherry flavours. Pink Méthode Cap Classique.

12% Alc. /Vol.

### **Pongrácz Brut Desiderius N/V R470**

★★★★☆

Devon Valley - WO Western Cape

Soft, fresh and delicate - a Méthode Cap Classique popular with the locals. 12% Alc. /Vol.

### **Villiera Tradition Brut N/V R520**

★★★★☆

Stellenbosch - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1983)

(375ml available - R260)

A Méthode Cap Classique of real quality - includes a touch of Pinotage. Good value award.

12% Alc. /Vol.

### **J.C. Le Roux Le Domaine N/V R180**

★★★☆☆

Stellenbosch - WO Western Cape (Est. 1983)

Low alcohol, sweet, sparkling wine, carbonated with light bubbles. 7.5% Alc. /Vol.

## SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE WINES

### **Bizoe Henrietta Semillon Sauvignon Blanc R330**

★★★★☆

2015

Somerset West - WO Franschhoek (Est. 2008)

Popular, dry 70/30 split Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc blend. Packed with flavour; lemon, pineapple, vanilla dusting. Recommended with the vegetarian dishes. A barn-storming new player.

13.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Buitenverwachting Buiten Blanc R150**

★★★★☆



R37

2016

Constantia - WO Constantia (Est. 1796)

Ever-popular and reliable. Sauvignon Blanc with some Chenin, Semillon and Viognier.

13.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Groote Post Sauvignon Blanc R230**

★★★★



R56

2016

Darling - WO Darling (Est. 1999)

4-star well-balanced wine with a supple and lively finish. Opulent fruit - a perfect chilled wine with a picnic. 13.5% Alc. /Vol.

### **Hartenberg Riesling R210**

★★★★

2013

Stellenbosch - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1978)

Elegantly dry, very delicate floral scents, with a spicy richness on the nose. A good Riesling is a rare event in SA and this is a winner. 14% Alc. /Vol.

### **Haute-Cabrière Chardonnay Pinot Noir R270**

★★★★☆

2016

Franschhoek - WO Franschhoek (Est. 1982)

Delicious, dry, light wine - a "still champagne" - wonderful lunchtime or salad wine.

12% Alc. /Vol.

### **Ken Forrester Chenin Blanc Reserve R240**

★★★

2015

Helderberg - WO Stellenbosch (Est. 1994)

Scrumptious, powerful and impressive. Chenins are back on the map! A chicken accompaniment.

13.5% Alc. /Vol.

## La Motte Chardonnay R260 ★★★★★

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R65

2015

Franschhoek - WO Franschhoek (Est. 1969)

Fresh and refreshing. Lemon and lime fruit, cashew nut in the background.

12.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Legacy Johannisberger R130 ★★

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R32

N/V

Wellington - WO Western Cape (Est. 1693)

By Bellingham. Popular semi-sweet - soft, easy with faint tints of citrus and honey.

11.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Springfield Life from Stone Sauvignon Blanc R270 ★★★★★

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2016

Breede River Valley - WO Robertson (Est. 1995)

Eked from 75 % Quartz rock - stunning and individual with great depth. Try it with the trout.

12.5% Alc. /Vol.

## Terra Del Capo Pinot Grigio R210 ★★★★★

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2015

Franschhoek - WO Western Cape (Est 1714)

By Anthonij Rupert Wines. Fragrant almond nutty palate with a bright finish. Pinot Gris/Grigio is rare in SA and this is lovely! 12.5% Alc. /Vol.

**Star ratings are from John Platter's South African Wines.**

### CORKAGE POLICY

Corkage will generally be charged only on wines that appear on our wine list as long as the privilege is not abused. The proprietor would also always appreciate a small glass of any interesting or unfamiliar wines brought in by guests, in order to educate staff palates. ...